HIGHLIGHTS

Ibrahim Batal, M.D., a fellow in Transplant Pathology, will spend the next two years doing a research and clinical fellowship in renal pathology under the directorship of Dr. Helmut Reinke at Brigham and Women's Hospital, Harvard University, Boston, MA.

Salvatore J. Cherra, CMP graduate student, received an individual training grant (NS064728) beginning in the summer 2009, and was awarded Third Place in the Graduate Student Category at the 21st Annual Department of Pathology Research Day, 2010.

Ruben Dagda, PhD was awarded a FASEB-MARC Travel Award to attend Experimental Biology 2010 in Anaheim, CA, and his abstract selected for oral presentation.

Aaron Gusdon, medical student, received the Dean's Summer Research Program Scholarship and was awarded a Merit Award at the Summer Research Symposium. He received a Seahorse Travel Award to present this data at the Charleston Conference on Mitochondrial Physiology and Pathobiology in November 2009. He was selected to be the 2010-2011 Pathology Post-Sophomore Fellow, and was admitted to the Physician-Scientist Training Program at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine.

Vivek Patel, CNUP graduate student, was awarded support on T32NS007433-12 for his second year, based upon his excellent progress in the laboratory.

Irene Pien, Pitt undergraduate, was accepted into the Summer Undergraduate Research Program for 2010.

Ed Plowey, MD, PhD was awarded Second Place in the Basic Science Category at the 21st Annual Department of Pathology Research Day, 2010.

VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System

VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System, Pathology and Lab medicine was inspected by the College of American Pathologists on May 7, 2010, and has passed the inspection with flying colors.

VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System was assessed and has been found to meet the requirements of applicable standards and has been granted fully re-accreditation by the AABB thru June 2012.