

WELCOME PACKET THEY SEND OUT BEFORE AFIP

Welcome to the AFIP Radiologic Pathology Course. More than 35,000 radiology residents and practicing radiologists from around the world have attended one of the Radiologic Pathology courses. The course fulfills training requirements for over 500 residency programs. The current Radiologic Pathology course is a comprehensive review of radiologic imaging with pathologic correlation providing approximately one hundred and sixty hours of didactic instruction and case seminars. The course is organized into six separate sections: gastrointestinal radiology, genitourinary radiology, musculoskeletal radiology, neuroradiology, pediatric radiology, and thoracic radiology, and is taught by department staff radiologists and numerous eminent visiting professors. In addition, coverage of cardiac and breast imaging is sponsored by the American College of Radiology (ACR). We look forward to the opportunity to provide you with an educational venue designed to aid you in your endeavors to achieve excellence in the technologically advancing specialty of radiology.

AFIP Radiologic Pathology Course General Information

AFIP Radiologic Pathology Classroom Location

The classroom is NOT located in the AFIP, Bldg 54. It is located next to the AFIP building, in the Radiologic Pathology Education Center, Bldg. 53.

Street addresses:

6825 16th St., NW, Washington, DC 20306

Main Walter Reed Hospital Building: 6900 Georgia Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20306

Daily Schedule

8:00 am to 12:15 pm - Lectures

12:15 pm to 1:00 pm - Lunch

1:00 pm to 3:30 pm - Lectures

3:30 pm to 4:20 pm – Lectures or Seminar/Case Conference

Course Schedule

The class schedule may need to be adjusted, at times. Please be aware this may occur.

No holidays are observed during AFIP sessions (President's Day, etc)

The AFIP will be closed only in case of closing of the Federal Government (i.e. snow). In the case of two hour government delays, we will open on time.

Attendance

A daily sign-in sheet will be utilized at this meeting. All participants must sign-in daily. The sign-in sheet will be located in the foyer, on the desk, outside the class entrance doors. Attendance reports will be submitted to your program.

Local Address/Absentee Form

Complete and return the form listing your local address, and any days you will be absent from the course. We will provide this form.

Classroom

300 residents, many from other countries, attend each session of AFIP

Auditorium style seating with desks for note taking is provided

There are plentiful electrical outlets on the desks.

Audio recording devices are allowed, however video recording is not.

Please silence your cell phones and beepers

Use spill-proof containers when consuming liquids

The ventilation system will cause cold air to blow intermittently. Please bring a sweater or jacket and hat as it cannot be prevented.

There is no wireless internet service available in the Radpath Classroom or on the Walter Reed Campus

Restrooms are located in the foyer.

Please dress conservatively. Military dress is required of all active duty military residents.

Special Events

There may be several evening events which could include a night out in the first week

The ACR typically sponsors an evening buffet as well as cardiovascular and breast training segments and provides separate teaching materials as well as breakfast and lunch that day

An evening pizza party is held in the last week to recognize the best cases submitted in each subspecialty

Your participation certificate will be presented in the third week

Case Submissions

Cases are submitted after class on multiple evenings during the first week

A makeup day is held for those who must miss their assigned evening

Your case will be added to the database of material used at AFIP

The best cases from each subspecialty will be selected for publication in Radiographics and a pizza party with award presentations will happen in the final week of the course.

Entrance Gates

You will need photo ID to get onto the Walter Reed Campus, please have your license in hand when you arrive at the gate. You may also need the letter you received by e-mail or your AFIP ID after you receive it on the first day

Gate nearest to AFIP: Alaska Avenue at 14th St. (open 5:30 am - 9:00 am and 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm) is nearest to Armed Forces Institute of Pathology (AFIP) Building 54, and the Radiologic Pathology Education Center (AFIP classroom) Building 53

Main Gate and Main Hospital Building: Georgia Avenue at Fern St. (open 24 hours, 7 days/week)

Gate: 16th Street and Main Drive (open 6:00 am - 6:00 pm)

Combination Lockers

Provided on the first day of the course

Food and Drink

Coffee, herbal and black tea, cocoa and hot water, sugar, and powdered creamer are available at all times in the classroom building. (We will give you a travel mug on your arrival.)

There is a cold water sink.

There are soda and snack machines in the lobby

Three microwaves are available; there is often a long line during lunch.

No refrigerator is available for student use.

Lunch is provided on the first day of class and on several other days.

Lunch is from 12:15 pm to 1:00 pm daily

Food can be purchased in the Walter Reed Hospital (WRAMC)

WRAMC cafeteria or sandwich shop (Third floor)

Subway (Bldg 2, First floor)

Dunkin Donuts (Bldg 2, First floor)

Burger King (Bldg 1, First floor)

Computers

Four computers are available in the classroom building for internet access. Please keep your usage short if others are waiting.

Post Library (Bldg 1), has many computers.

Ash Library (Bldg 54), 7:00–4:20pm (3 computers). No printing. 202-782-0965

Computer Center (Bldg 1, Room D-110), 8:00-4:45pm (11 computers)

Computer lab - located in educational services, in Delano Hall, (Bldg 11), Third floor, room 302 (identification badges must be worn). Monday-Thursday 7:30 am - 6:00 pm and Friday 7:30 am-12:00 pm. Please call (202) 782-0321

Libraries

Unfortunately, WRAMC libraries will not allow residents at AFIP to sign out materials.

The post library in Bldg 1 is the most pleasant. Many computers are available.

Ash library in the AFIP (Bldg 54), First floor. (202) 782-1836 (You will need to speak to Carl Williams about getting on the security list to enter the AFIP building prior to entry). Two computers.

Walter Reed Medical Library, Bldg 2, second floor, room 2G, (202) 782-6762, 8am to 8pm, Computer access by DOD ID Card only.

Medical books

Your Radiologic Pathology Syllabus can be downloaded by Section or individual lecture from <http://www.radpath.org/book2009/index.cfm> after entering your student ID number

Medical book vendors will be at the radiologic pathology education center during the month (Elsevier and Wolters Kluwer) selling discounted books

ACR offers educational materials for sale on the day they are there

Local medical bookstores include the NIH (9 miles), George Washington University (7 miles), Georgetown University (6 miles), and Reiter's Professional Books 1990 K Street NW (6 miles)

Telephone

Please bring your cellular telephone. Most smart phones will have signal in the classroom
Emergency calls only may be directed to landline (202) 782-2268

Post Office

There is a blue USPS mail dropbox outside Bldg 53 with daily pickups at 11:30 am.
Full service US Post Office in WRMAC Bldg 1, First floor, West wing. 9 am- 4 pm daily.
All mail should be forwarded to your temporary residence (i.e. house, apartment, hotel)
For emergency Federal Express deliveries only:
Your Name/Carl Williams 6825 16th Street NW c/o Department of Radiologic Pathology, Room
M-121 Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, Bldg. 54 Washington, DC 20306-6000

Fax machine

No fax machine is available for general use
In emergencies only, faxes may be sent to (202) 782-8124

Photocopier

A cash photocopier is located in the lounge.

Banking

Automated teller machine is located in the lobby of Walter Reed Army Hospital, Bldg 1

Fitness center

A four week membership to the WRAMC recreation center Bldg 88 and Gymnasium Bldg 33
costs \$40 for Radpath course attendees. Your AFIP identification badge will give you admission
to the fitness center. You may not bring guests. Phone (202) 782-7022

Fitness center hours:

Monday - Friday 5:30 am - 8:00 pm

Saturday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Sunday 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Closed holidays

Medical emergencies

Program participants should go directly to the Walter Reed Army Medical Center Emergency
Room for emergency medical care.

Links of interest:

Radiologic Pathology Course <http://www.radpath.org/>

ACR Housing Zone for AFIP <http://rfs.acr.org/afip-housing/>

Walter Reed Army Medical Center <http://www.wramc.amedd.army.mil/>

AFIP <http://www.afip.org/>

National Museum of Health and Medicine <http://nmhm.washingtondc.museum/>

American College of Radiology <http://www.acr.org>

AFIP Radiologic Pathology Course Transportation

Transportation

Parking is not available on the campus of the WRAMC. Minimal street parking is available on Fern and Alaska Streets, and fills extremely early in the morning.

Public transportation in the Washington, DC metropolitan area is excellent. Travelling via the metrobus and metrorail system is highly recommended. See www.wmata.com

Metro and Bus

The Washington Metropolitan Transit Authority web site: <http://www.wmata.com> has updated information about metro and bus service to the AFIP

Get off the Red Line train at the Takoma Station or the Silver Spring Station.

Takoma station: Metrobus routes K1, 52C, and 54 connect Walter Reed to the Takoma station.

Bus K1 travels onto the Walter Reed installation and operates only during morning and afternoon rush hours. Buses 52C and 54 operate all day and stop at the corner of Butternut Street and Georgia Avenue, near a Walter Reed gate that is open during daylight hours only.

Silver Spring station: If you disembark at the Silver Spring station, you can use either Metrobus 70 or 71. Bus fare is \$1.35, but you must get a Metro transfer before leaving either subway station. Enter the gates of Walter Reed

Caution: Although the Takoma station and the Silver Spring station are both approximately one mile/12 blocks/15 minutes walk from the hospital through relatively safe neighborhoods, it is best to take public transportation (bus or taxi) in the dark or if you are unfamiliar with the area.

Important: The metro bus requires exact change.

Smartertrip card: A reusable plastic farecard that can be reloaded with value for metrorail and metrobus and required for metro parking garages. They can be purchased at Metro stations with parking, at CVS pharmacy or online.

Shuttle service

Shuttles run between WRAMC, Forest Glen (throughout the complex) and Bethesda (U.S. Naval Hospital and NIH), Andrews AFB, Fort Meade, and Fort Belvoir except on Sundays and holidays. Shuttle schedules can be obtained at the Information Desk located on the first floor of the Walter Reed Army Medical Center (Bldg 2). Please call 301-295-7562 for up-to-date information before your arrival.

Airports (with approximate times to WRAMC)

Ronald Reagan National (Within DC on Metro line)

Metro and bus transfer, 50 minutes

Car 11 miles, 24 minutes, up to 1 hour with traffic

Baltimore Washington International (Northeast of DC)

Metro and bus transfer 1 hour 20 minutes \$4.35

Car 32 miles, 36-60 min depending on traffic

Dulles International (West of DC)

Metro and bus transfer 1 hour 40 minutes \$3.85

Car, 30 miles, 34-70 min depending on traffic

Train to Union Station, Washington, DC

Amtrak <http://www.amtrak.com>

Maryland Area Regional Commuter (MARC) Commuter Rail between Washington, DC, Baltimore, MD, Martinsburg, WV, and Fredrick, MD Mon-Fri 5:00 am - 12:00 am, Call (410)-539-5000 or 1-866-RIDE-MTA M-F 6am-7pm, <http://mta.maryland.gov/index.cfm>

Virginia Railway Express (VRE), Commuter service between Washington DC and Manassas and Fredricksburg, VA. <http://www.vre.org/service/newrider.htm>

Remote Parking with Shuttle

“Forest Glen” remote parking lot with Express Shuttle bus service to WRAMC

United States Army Forest Glen Annex Commissary Parking Lot

From Route 495

Take exit 31B for MD-97 S/Georgia Ave toward Silver Spring - 0.2 mi

Merge onto Georgia Ave/MD-97 S - 0.2 mi

Turn right at Seminary Pl , pass through light at 2nd Ave- 0.2 mi

Bear left at Brookville Rd. - 0.6 mi

Look for the United States Army Forest Glen Annex brick wall and security gate on your right

From Walter Reed Army Medical Center, 6900 Georgia Avenue NW, Washington, DC

Turn onto Georgia Ave NW/US-29 N - 0.5 mi

Turn left at Eastern Ave NW - 0.7 mi

At the traffic circle, take the 2nd exit onto 16th St - 0.2 mi

Turn left at MD-410 W - 0.9 mi

Turn right at Grubb Rd - 0.1 mi

Continue onto Lyttonsville Rd - 0.3 mi

Turn left at Lyttonsville Pl - 0.2 mi

Turn right at Brookville Rd 0.2 mi

Look for the United States Army Forest Glen Annex brick wall and security gate on left

At United States Army Forest Glen Annex Gate

Present your photo ID

Follow main road around to your right approximately one mile

Commissary is on your right

Park at Commissary and look for the Express Shuttle Stop on Linden Street

The Express Shuttle stop is outside the gate on Linden Street.

Please call the information desk 301-295-7562 for up-to-date shuttle times and information before your arrival.

Washington, DC Area Tourism

Tourism Publications may be available in the Radpath classroom lounge area, including Washington Where Magazine, Visitors Maps and Metro map.

Useful tourism websites:

Washington, DC <http://washington.org/>

Library of Congress

Smithsonian Museum

National Mall

Capitol Building

Washington Monument

Lincoln Memorial

Jefferson Memorial

National Gallery of Art

American Art Museum

Arlington Cemetery

A Dozen Free Things to Do in Washington, DC

http://www.districtcolumbia.com/DC_Twenty_Five_Free.html

Maryland

Annapolis - <http://www.visitannapolis.org/>

U.S. Naval Academy

Maryland State Capital

Harbor Boat Rentals

Baltimore - <http://www.baltimorevacationguide.com/>

Inner Harbor

National Aquarium

Maryland Science Center

Virginia

Northern

<http://www.northernva.com/visitor.html>

Fairfax County

<http://www.fxva.com/>

Plan in advance for your visit:

White House Tour

Capitol Building Tour
Holocaust Museum

Shopping Malls

By Metro Train

City Place Mall (Metro Silver Spring) 8661 Colesville Road, Silver Spring, MD, 1.6 miles

Westfield Shopping Town Wheaton (Metro Wheaton) 11160 Veirs Mill Road, Wheaton MD, 5 miles

Pentagon City Mall (Metro Pentagon City) 1250 South Hayes Street, Arlington, VA, 9 mi

By Bus or Car

White Flint Mall - 11301 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda, MD, 9 miles

Montgomery Mall - 7103 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda, MD, 10 miles

Boutique Shops

Georgetown - Washington, DC at M St and Wisconsin Ave NW, 6.5 miles

Downtown - The Shops at National Place, 529 14th St NW, Washington, DC 6 miles