

Pathology Direct Entry Survey

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Q1 Important to know prior to beginning survey:

An **Entry Route** is any field of medical training that can be entered directly from medical school (i.e. residency programs).

Entry routes differ from **disciplines**, which are defined by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC), the College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC) and the Collège des Médecins du Québec (CMQ).

Currently Canada recognizes 87 disciplines, of which 30 are entry routes into residency. In Québec, there are 26 entry routes.

Q2 A report by the Entry Routes Working Group (ERWG) released in March 2019 made several suggestions for streamlining entry routes into residency on the principles of promoting generalism, reducing the number of entry routes to those that medical students are likely to have exposure to, and coupling physician supply to demand.

One discussion point in the report is the consolidation of all residency entry routes related to laboratory medicine into a single entry route. This means consolidating Anatomical Pathology, General Pathology, Hematological Pathology, Medical Microbiology, and Neuropathology into a single common pathway. Trainees may then subsequently sub-specialize into one or more of these disciplines later on. This has been suggested as a remedy to increase medical student entry into pathology and laboratory medicine as a whole.

This current survey pertains to your opinion on consolidating the entry route to pathology and laboratory medicine into a common pathway, whether this will increase enrollment into pathology, and what you believe might increase recruitment of medical students into pathology and laboratory medicine.

This survey should take less than 5 minutes of your time.

All responses are anonymous. The survey is an independent pathology and laboratory medicine initiative and is not affiliated with any group.

Thank you for your participation in advance. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact any one of us.

If you agree to begin the survey, click next.

Sincerely,

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Q3 Please indicate your current position.

- Department Chair (4)
- Program Director (1)
- Fellow (2)
- Resident (3)
- Preceptor (involved in teaching residents) (5)

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Q4 For residents, please indicate your PGY level:

PGY1 (1)

PGY2 (2)

PGY3 (3)

PGY4 (4)

PGY5 (5)

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Q5 Please indicate the specialty in which you are certified or plan to be certified in.

- Anatomical Pathology (1)
- General Pathology (2)
- Hematological Pathology (3)
- Neuropathology (4)
- Medical Microbiology (5)
- Other (please specify) (7) _____

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Q6 What is your opinion on consolidating Anatomical Pathology, General Pathology, Hematological Pathology, Medical Microbiology, and Neuropathology into a single entry Pathology and Laboratory Medicine program with subsequent sub-specialization later on?

- Agree (1)
- Disagree (2)
- Undecided (3)



Q7 Please feel free to elaborate on your response.



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Q8 Whether you agree or disagree with a common entry route, do you believe this approach will affect recruitment of medical students into pathology?

- It will increase recruitment (1)
 - It will decrease recruitment (2)
 - There will be no change in recruitment (3)
 - Unsure of effect on recruitment (4)
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Q9 Of the following, which factors do you believe are most likely to increase medical student recruitment into pathology and laboratory medicine programs? (select all that apply)

- Greater visibility of pathologists and lab medicine specialists in medical school curriculum (6)
 - Greater exposure to pathology and lab medicine in pre-clerkship (1)
 - Greater exposure to pathology and lab medicine during clerkship (2)
 - Increased availability of pathology and lab medicine electives (3)
 - Increasing the number of pathology and lab medicine electives one student can do (i.e. max of 6 vs. max of 4) (4)
 - More mentorship in pathology and lab medicine (5)
 - Advocacy by pathologists and lab medicine specialists in making medical student recruitment an active issue at their institutions (7)
 - Targeted campaigns for medical student recruitment, such as through social media (8)
 - None of the above (10)
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Q10 Please describe any other factors you believe may increase recruitment of medical students into pathology and laboratory medicine or any other comments.

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Q11 What attracted you personally to pathology and laboratory medicine?

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