

CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION
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Weill Cornell Medical College
Weill Auditorium
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IDENTIFIED PRACTICE GAPS/EDUCATIONAL NEEDS

Current practice of cytology has been revolutionized by newer morphologic, molecular tests & management guidelines. This course is designed to provide updated practical, problem-solving knowledge for practicing cytologists. The course encompasses gynecologic (Pap test) and exfoliative (including fine needle aspiration) cytology presented by distinguished faculty members with expertise in their respective fields and experienced in post graduate educational activities at the national and international levels. A didactic lecture format will be used to address a wide array of entities encountered in gynecologic, head & neck, gastrointestinal, genitourinary, pulmonary and effusion cytology. Presentations will strongly emphasize morphologic features, differential diagnosis and diagnostic pitfalls with integration of ancillary techniques (immunohistochemistry and molecular tests) when pertinent. Correlation with clinical, radiologic and histologic findings will be provided. Quality control, quality assurance and laboratory management issues fundamental to sound cytology practice will also be illustrated. Time is allotted for questions and answers to encourage participant interaction. A comprehensive syllabus containing illustrative PowerPoint presentations and handouts for each topic will be provided at the course.

TARGETED AUDIENCE

This course is designed for cytopathologists, residents and cytotechnologists.

COURSE OBJECTIVES/DESIRED OUTCOMES

It is intended that this Weill Cornell CME activity will lead to improved patient care. At the conclusion of this activity, participants should be able to:

1. Identify cytologic criteria of various non-neoplastic and neoplastic entities
2. Avoid problems & pitfalls
3. Recognize utility of ancillary techniques
4. Become familiar with unique management schemes in gynecologic & non-gynecologic cytology

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The CME Evaluation Form is included in your syllabus. Completed forms will be collected at the door at the end of this activity. We encourage you to complete the Evaluation Form as this will allow us to assess the degree to which the activity met its objectives. It will also guide the planning of future activities and inform decisions about improving the educational program.

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