

ESP advanced training centre for gastrointestinal pathology

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The pathology of the gastrointestinal tract traditionally holds a central position in diagnostic histopathology and includes the evaluation of both biopsy and surgical specimens. Several types of cancer and their precursor lesions are part of the diagnostic spectrum. The diagnosis and differential diagnosis of inflammatory lesions warrants particular consideration.

Close interaction between gastrointestinal pathologist and their clinical colleagues is mandatory. The Institute of Pathology in Graz collaborates with three clinical centres specialized in gastroenterology and hepatology and with several other hospitals. The fellow will be exposed to biopsy and surgical specimens (based upon the routine daily service supplemented with consultation cases and cases from the archive) encompassing a wide variety of gastrointestinal diseases, including paediatric specimens. The lab is fully equipped for histology, immunohistochemistry and molecular analysis.

All members of the team are actively involved in national and international networks. Cord Langner is former Chair of the Working Group Digestive Diseases of the European Society of Pathology (ESP), Chair of the Working Group of Histopathology of the European Crohn's Colitis Organization (ECCO) and coordinator of the European Network of Gastrointestinal Pathology (ENGIP).

The International Relations & Activities Committee of the Medical University takes care of international relations and activities in studies, teaching and postgraduate education. The team has extensive experience in supporting international visitors regarding their stay in Graz.

Area of training:

All aspects of gastrointestinal pathology, including non-neoplastic and neoplastic lesions (including molecular pathology).

Position:

One position for 3 months will be available during the year.

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