ESP Advanced Training Centre for Ophthalmic Pathology, Rotterdam, NL

Name of the Training Centre: Erasmus MC University Medical Center, Dept. of Pathology, Section Ophthalmic Pathology, Wytemaweg 80, 3015 CN Rotterdam, the Netherlands

Chair of the Centre: Prof. Dr. Folkert J. van Kemenade

Head of the training programme in Ophthalmic Pathology: Dr. Robert M. Verdijk

Erasmus MC University Medical Centre is the largest tertiary hospital of the Netherlands. Erasmus MC stands for a healthy population and excellence in healthcare. By conducting ground-breaking work, we aim to push boundaries through leading the way in research, education and healthcare. We have access to the latest equipment and techniques in a state-of-the-art environment.

The department of pathology provides services for all subspecialties and receives over 35,000 specimen per year. The department employs 150 of which are 18 pathologists and 16 residents in pathology. The Section Ophthalmic Pathology receives about 700 ophthalmic specimen per year and has a collaboration with the Leiden University Medical Centre adding another 250 ophthalmic specimen per year. The specimen is as diverse as eyelid, conjunctiva, cornea, intra-ocular and orbit. In addition, post-mortem eye examinations for sporadic and syndromic congenital malformations are performed for the prenatal care centre and clinical genetics department. These paediatric post-mortem examinations are supervised by Dr. Verdijk as well. The laboratory is the national referral centre for forensic ophthalmic specimen in the evaluation of suspected shaken baby syndrome.

There is a special research interest in ocular melanoma, IgG4-related disease and corneal transplantation related disease (in collaboration with the Netherlands Institute for Innovative Ophthalmic Surgery).

Dr Verdijk supervises the pathology resident training programme of the south western region of the Netherlands. All trainees in pathology in the Netherlands regularly do two rotations in Ophthalmic Pathology of 3 months each. Residents in pathology or ophthalmology with a special interest in Ophthalmic Pathology are welcome and may come from any country (some came from as far as Cambodia), provided they have a good command of English. For non-native English speakers a certificate indicating CEFR level B2 or IELT competence Band 6 or higher is required.

Dr Verdijk is a member of the European Society for Pathology (chair Ophthalmic Pathology), the European Ophthalmic Pathology Society, Euro-CNS, the Ocular Oncology Group (treasurer) and contributor to the World Health Organization (WHO) Classification of Tumours of the Eye, 4th edition.
Number of positions offered each year, expected duration of the training: A training program is offered for 3 or 6 months. One candidate can be accommodated at a time. This comes down to 2 positions per year.

Specific periods of the year when the visit may be realized: no special preference.

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Accommodation and Documents: the applicant will receive help for acquiring visa and find low cost accommodation. No charge for the training will be raised. No costs will be covered by the department related to travel, accommodation, visa etc.

List of publications on Ophthalmic Pathology Erasmus MC University Medical Center Rotterdam:

Epub ahead of print


Ocular melanoma


IgG4 related disease


Cornea

