Preclinical medical students and pathologists: departing from the text

Despite diminishing classroom contact with medical students in the preclinical years, pathologists continue to be asked to teach year one and two students about the diseases delineated in textbooks. During this period, they should be alert to opportunities to also teach students about what pathologists actually do for patients on a daily basis. The shift toward exposure to the actual practice of pathology might increase students' interest in, and appreciation for, the specialty. Read more in "Preclinical medical students and pathologists: departing from the text" by Edward J. Gutmann, MD, director, cytopathology fellowship program, Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center and Dartmouth (Geisel) Medical School, in *Cancer Cytopathology*.