

# BSCC Abstract Template

Lecture Title:	The revised RCPATH guidelines for thyroid FNA reporting
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<b>Abstract</b>	Why bother to produce a new set of thyroid FNAC guidelines? The previous BTA / RCP guidelines with their five categories were patchily taken up, largely due to imprecise definitions around the Thy 1, 2, 3 categories in respect of cysts and atypia, and due to lack of mapping to international classifications such as Bethesda. The new RCPATH guidelines enjoy BSCC support, and rectify these problems to facilitate taking outcome data from large international studies, enabling risk of neoplasia and malignancy to be communicated where desired to “expert” patients so that a modern patient focused MDT process can be followed.
<b>Take home message(s)</b>	<p>Reporting Thyroid Cytopathology; Recommended Diagnostic Categories <b>RCPATH</b></p> <p><b>Non-diagnostic for cytological diagnosis (Thy1)</b>  <b>Non-diagnostic for cytological diagnosis - Cystic lesion (Thy1c)</b></p> <p><b>Non-neoplastic (Thy2)</b>  <b>Non-neoplastic, cystic lesion (Thy2c)</b></p> <p><b>Neoplasm possible – atypia/non-diagnostic(Thy3a)</b></p> <p><b>Neoplasm possible, suggesting follicular neoplasm (Thy3f)</b></p> <p><b>Suspicious of malignancy (Thy4)</b></p> <p><b>Malignant (Thy5)</b></p>
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**Declaration of  
interest**

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