

## Final Assessment Report

Submitted by SUPR-G to SCAPA (November 30, 2011\_

<b>Program:</b>	<b>Pathology</b>
Degrees Offered:	MSc, PhD
Approved Fields:	Oncology and Environmental Pathology Molecular Pathology and Transplant Pathology Neuropathology
Date of Site Visit:	May 30-31, 2011
Evaluation:	Good Quality with report in two years

### Summary:

The Graduate program in Pathology is strong with high quality research and clinical contributions and enthusiastic leadership from faculty and administrative staff. Considerable progress has been made since the last review in re-building the Department. The Department has a good balance of senior and junior researchers. A significant proportion of faculty is fully engaged with the graduate programs despite the need for many to fulfill important clinical roles – a unique feature of this department. While the department enjoys considerable support from adjunct faculty across the campus and identifies these individuals as core faculty, the number of tenured or tenure-track faculty remains relatively small (7 at present) considering the demand for programs offered. The new Chair is already leading efforts to address the issues in the following recommendations.

<b>Recommendation:</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>
Pathologist Assistant option (course-based master's) should be separated as a stand-alone professional program	Pathology Graduate Chair, Department Chair, Dean (Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry)
Increase teaching opportunities for grad students (e.g., TAs)	Pathology Graduate Chair, Department Chair, Dean (SSMD)
Increase PhD enrolments (particularly full-time)	Pathology Graduate Affairs Committee and Graduate Chair
Focus efforts to attract external scholarship holding/eligible students	Pathology Graduate Affairs Committee and Graduate Chair
Increase opportunities for interaction between clinical and thesis students	
Hire new research-oriented faculty	Pathology/ Faculty