



Cytology in the Digital Era: Challenges and Opportunities

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Axioms and Hypotheses

- Digital pathology is already here
- We all use digital technology everyday
- Digital technology makes our lives easier
- The younger generation will embrace
- The younger generation will demand it however.....
- There are still issues in routine use

Digital pathology is possible because ...

- 1) High resolution image capture less expensive
- 2) Internet bandwidth has dramatically improved
 - rapid transmission of images and information
 - image compression technology speeds transmission without degradation of useful information
- 4) Computing power/storage dramatically increased

.....and....

5) Advanced algorithm development will power advances- machine decision-making, learning, and use of "big data"



1975 - Kodak invented the world's first digital camera. The prototype was the size of a toaster and captured black-and-white images at a resolution of 10,000 pixels (.01 megapixels).

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12 - Kodak Files for Bankruptcy as Digital Era Spells End to Film

By Dawn McCarty & Beth Jinks - Jan 19, 2012 1:53 PM ET



Eastman Kodak Co. (EK), the photography pioneer that introduced the Brownie Camera more than a century ago, filed for bankruptcy after consumers embraced digital cameras, a technology Kodak invented and failed to commercialize.

The Rochester, New York-based company, which traces its roots to 1880, listed assets of \$5.1 billion and debt of \$6.8 billion in Chapter 11 documents filed in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Manhattan.



"They were a company stuck in time," said Robert Burley, an associate professor at Toronto's Ryerson University who has photographed shuttered Kodak facilities in the U.S., Canada and France since 2005. "Their history was so important to them, this rich century-old history when they made a lot of amazing things and a lot of money along the way. Now their history has become a liability."

The company's credit deteriorated as revenue tumbled from traditional film, and the inventor of the Instamatic cameras was slow during the past decade to compete with Canon Inc. and Hewlett-Packard Co. in digital cameras and printers



Analog

24 or 36 pictures Requires processing Hours/days for pictures Mail for transport Non-reusable Manipulation possible but difficult ? Better colors/resolution



<u>Digital</u>

10,800 pictures No processing Pictures instantly Instant internet delivery Reusable – 1000x Manipulation easy ?????





Digitization

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** the smaller the pixels in a defined space (more pixels) the finer the resolution

Digital Cytology - Utility

- Teleconsultation
- Quality assurance
- Proficiency testing
- Continuing education
- Analytics
 - -image/data mining

Telepathology

<u>Telepathology – clinical services</u>

- basic services to remote/uncovered areas
- night call from home
- rapid cytology/frozen sections
- expert consultative services to any area
- expert secondary opinions

Quality Assurance

- review of slides from remote sites
- by multiple people
- continuous monitoring
- teleconferencing tumor boards

Proficiency Testing

- validated challenges
- given anywhere, anytime







Peru Teleconsultation – WebX Realtime



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Over 1,150 interpretations over the past 4 years Over 250 high-grade lesions and carcinomas have been identified Cyto-histo correlation – 96% accuracy on initial review



WSI Facility at Holy Family Hospital, Rawalpindi with Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston Supported by US State Department Development Grant





High volume – high speed scanner





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Potential Future Uses

- 1) Centralized pathology services in established networks
- 2) Specialty pathology services for underserved areas
- 3) Regional, national, international
- 4) Expansion to other image-based applications

Questions still to be addressed

- Is telepathology as accurate as slide interpretation
- Are errors similar to errors on glass slides
- Is telepathology less expensive
- Will telepathology increase consultation volume
- Will telepathology improve QA practice
- Will telepathology make CME more cost-effective
- Will pathologists readily adapt to the technology

Pilot Projects Done to Date

• WSI – Brazil pilot

Wilbur DC, Madi K, Colvin RB, Duncan LM, Faquin WC, Ferry JA, Frosch MP, Houser SL, Kradin RL, Lauwers GY, Louis DN, Mark EJ, Mino-Kenudson M, Misdraji J, Nielsen GP, Pitman MB, Rosenberg AE, Smith RN, Sohani AR, Stone JR, Tambouret RH, Wu CL, Young RH, Zembowicz A, Klietmann W. <u>Whole-slide imaging digital pathology as a platform for teleconsultation: a pilot study using paired subspecialist correlations</u>. Arch Pathol Lab Med. 2009;133:1949-53.

• WSI-UMASS frozen section pilot

Fallon MA, Wilbur DC, Prasad M. <u>Ovarian Frozen Section Diagnosis: Use of Whole Slide Imaging Shows Excellent Correlation between Virtual</u> <u>Slide and Original Interpretations in a Large Series of Cases</u>. Arch Pathol Lab Med 2010;134:1020-3.

• Dartmouth pilot – WSI

Pilot true subspecialty consult service

• Pakistan WSI consultation/education service

Pilot international static/dynamic/WSI service

• Cambridge Health Alliance consultation service

Jones NC, Nazarian RM, Duncan LM, Kamionek M, Lauwers GY, Tambouret RH, Wu, C-L, Nielsen GP, Brachtel EF, Mark EJ, Sadow PM, Grabbe JP, Wilbur DC. Interinstitutional WSI Teleconsultation Service Development: Assessment using Internal Training and Clinical Consultation Cases. Arch Pathol Lab Med 2015;139:627-35.

Continuing Education

From anywhere to anywhere With any number of viewers

Cost – minimal Speed – OK (you be the judge)

Virtual meetings – like the present

Archiving of live events



From Boston to Darwin – by telepathology link









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Slide Archiving – Digital Study Boxes

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Impediments to Adoption

- Cost of scanning devices
- Device interface issues
- Information technology issues
- HIPAA (patient information confidentiality)
- Regulatory/FDA
- Medico-legal considerations



Ergonomics 3-dimensionality Slide areas large - thresholding Analytics still developing

"Engineering problems"

Cytology Specimen



Cytology Specimen



$3-d \rightarrow$ Z-stacking or extended focus can help







Z-stack vs Extended focus



"Focused" cytology capture





Ergonomic solutions



Artificial Intelligence

- Image analysis with device decisions
- Feature extraction
- Image libraries
- Comparison of new cases









Phase 1 - Internet Screening Study

200 cases (ThinPrep/SurePath) – 6 observers Appropriate Triage to ABNL (>3 observers)

	IS diagnosis	FDA trial (manual)
ASC-US	5/6 = 83%	79% (ASC-US+)
ASC-H	3/3 = 100%	
LSIL	52/63 = 83%	85%
HSIL	17/18 = 94%	93%
AGC	2/5 = 40%	

CONCORDANCE = 86% FP = 6%, FN = 12 % SENSITIVITY = 88%, SPECIFICITY = 93%

AJCP 2008

Phase 2 Prospective Consented Patients All Cases – SIL + Single observer

LSIL+	
TP	18
FN	2
Sens	90%

<u>HSIL+</u>	
ТР	4
FN	0
Sens	100%

Eichhorn, USCAP 2010



Internet Screening – Phase 3

- 3200 consecutive Pap cases screened in Korea (ThinPrep and Surepath)
- First pass on data (initial 1700 cases)
 - 85% sensitivity for all abnormals
 - 79% for manual screening in FP clinical trial
 - 81% specificity
 - 100% sensitivity for HSIL+
 - 92% for manual screening in FP clinical trial

C-Path (Computational Pathologist)

- Breast cancer cases
- 6642 features in cancer epithelium and stroma
- Automatically quantitated
- Developed a "prognostic model score"
- Stromal morphologic structure features correlated strongly with survival

- independent of clinical, pathologic, molecular

• "Watson-like visit to the Pathology Lab"

Beck et al, ScienceTranslationalMedicine, 2011;3:108ra113

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Analytics



H&E image separated into epithelial and stromal objects

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Worse prognosis

Heat map of stromal matrix objects mean abs. diff to neighbors









Beck 2011



Cell-CT combined with analytics = increased diagnostic power

Courtesy of VisionGate



Flow cytometric imaging - increased speed – more cells = more diagnostic power

Amnis imaging flow cytometer

Faster and Higher Resolution

- DARPA ARGUS Camera
- 1.8 billion pixel camera used on reconnaissance drones
- 1 million terabytes of data everyday all stored
- From 17,500 ft can image an entire city in HD



From PBS NOVA "Rise of the Drones"









From PBS NOVA "Rise of the Drones" Cytology is the future of interventional medicine Smaller specimens Less trauma to obtain Faster Cheaper Amenable to all molecular tests

Digital technology is the future of pathology/cytology Anywhere, anytime Archiving forever Analytics





Thank You All Very Much