

## **Bone Marrow Experience:**

### BONE MARROW ASPIRATION AND BIOPSY TRAINING

Beginning in July, 2005, the RRC will no longer cite programs if residents do not perform bone marrow biopsies and aspirations. Programs are required to ensure that residents are familiar with the procedures and the determination of the adequacy of specimens and preparation techniques. This will be reflected in a question in the Program Information Form. Programs are required to inform residents that certain geographic areas require pathologists to perform bone marrow aspirates and biopsies, and all residents should **observe** bone marrows during their residency. Programs are also required to provide a venue for residents to perform bone marrows should they choose to. Opportunities are available for residents to observe or perform bone marrow biopsies at Shands Hospital and at the VA Medical Center. This can be accomplished the Hematology (or General Laboratory) rotations at Shands Hospital and during their MRVAMC rotations.