

Cytopathology Rotation - Objectives

Professionalism

A. Objectives:

1. Demonstrate the ability to complete routine pathology reports within the recommended turn-around time.
2. Ability to independently prepare a concise, informative and clinically relevant preliminary cytology report prior to review with the attending pathologist.
3. Ability to maintain patient confidentiality and abide by the HIPAA rules.
4. Be available in the hospital for the necessary time to perform all patient care duties timely and adequately.

B. Plan:

1. Sign-out of non-gynecological cytology cases with the attending pathologist generally begins at 9:00 a.m. each morning. Residents are expected to review the slides prescreened by cytotechnologists, seek the relevant clinical information and formulate a preliminary written diagnosis before sign-out.
2. Sign-out of gynecological cytology cases is done at a multi-headed review microscope with the attending pathologist within 24-hours of receiving the slides by the resident. The resident is expected to review the slides prescreened by the cytotechnologist and come up with his/her own interpretation before sign-out.
3. Sign-out of superficial and deep FNA cases with the attending pathologist generally takes place within 24 hours of performance of the FNA. Residents are expected to screen the cytology material, mark the relevant cell areas on the slide and formulate a preliminary written diagnosis before sign-out.

C. Supervision/Assessment:

1. Informal assessment by the attending pathologist is made through interaction with residents during the rotation.