



PRACTICE ASSESSMENT REPORT PATHOLOGY

Physician Demographic & Practice Information

Physician Name:

Facility Name:

Physician CPSO Number:

Assessment Information

Assessor Name:

Assessment Date:

Address of Assessment:

To be completed by the assessor upon completion of the assessment:

Assessor Signature: _____

Total time to complete case review (hr)

Total time to complete interview (hr)

Clinical Practice: Case Review

Please check the box that best reflects your opinion of the statement, considering the appropriateness of the physician's actions in both the evidence found in the cases and, through your interview with the physician. If you select the box **Appropriate(ly) with Recommendations** and/or **Concerns**, you are required to document the specific recommendations/concerns for those items in the box entitled **Recommendations for Practice Improvement**, located immediately following this checklist.

	Appropriate(ly)	Appropriate(ly) with recommendations	Concerns	N/A
1. All clinically significant data is included in the report and is...				
2. The diagnosis and/or microscopic data is accurate, includes sufficient information for clinical management and follows standard reporting guidelines , e.g., Cancer Care Ontario/Ontario Association of Pathologists, Canadian Association of Pathologists or College of American Pathologists Cancer Protocols...				
3. For Frozen Sections,				
a. The diagnosis is...				
b. The concordance with the permanent section is...				
c. Any discordance between the frozen section and permanent section is explained...				
4. For special stains and immunostains,				
a. Stains appropriate to the case are selected...				
b. Interpretations are...				
c. The quality of the stain is...				
5. For autopsies,				
a. The report includes findings that support the cause of death...				
b. The report includes enough negative findings to conclude that an alternative cause of death is unlikely...				
c. Evidence shows that all the common organ systems have been examined...				

Clinical Practice: Case Review

	Appropriate(ly)	Appropriate(ly) with recommendations	Concerns	N/A
6. Complex and complicated cases are reviewed and if appropriate, referred for internal or external second opinion/consultation...				
7. Cases are reported in a reasonable and timely manner...				
8. The usage of standard and current diagnostic terminology (WHO, AJCC, CAP) is...				
9. The report is organized...				
10. Quality management activities are planned and assessed (either independently or as part of a department)...				

Section Recommendation

	Appropriate	Appropriate with recommendations	Concerns
Case Review			

Clinical Practice: Case Review

Recommendations for Practice Improvement

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Suggestions for Practice Improvement

Please list below any suggestions for practice improvement (where the baseline provision of care is satisfactory) you provided in your discussion with the physician. **PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR COMMENTS DO NOT EXCEED THE SIZE OF THE TEXT BOX BELOW.**

NO RECOMMENDATIONS/SUGGESTIONS

Clinical Practice: Departmental/Facility Requesting and Reporting Mechanisms

Please check the box that best reflects your opinion of the statement, considering the appropriateness of the department's/ facility's requesting and reporting mechanisms found in the records and, through your interview with the physician. If you select the box **Appropriate(ly) with Recommendations** and/or **Concerns**, you are required to document the specific recommendations/concerns for those items in the box entitled **Recommendations for Practice Improvement**, located immediately following this checklist.

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1. The record system that allows for ready retrieval of an individual patient file is...				
2. The system for tracking and identifying overdue pathology/cytology reports and lost specimens is...				
3. The policies and procedures in place to ensure appropriate handling and documentation of cases, original slides and blocks sent to consultants are...				
4. The system for tracking specimens sent out for external consultation, to prevent loss of material and ensure timely reporting is...				
5. Consultant opinions/reports become part of the permanent health record and are reported or copied to the original clinicians in the case...				
6. The comparison of the pathologist's diagnosis with the consultant's diagnosis for accuracy and completeness is...				
7. Each cytology report contains a clearly stated diagnosis representing the highest degree of the abnormality present in the smear...				
8. The laboratory's defined turnaround times (i.e., the interval between specimen receipt by laboratory personnel and results reporting) for pathology and cytology...				
9. The mechanism established to identify pathology/ cytology cases in which the surgeon or clinical physician has requested an urgent report is...				
10. There is a policy that defines critical results for pathology or cytology cases and the mechanism established for immediate notifications of a physician (or other clinical personnel responsible for patient care) when results of certain pathology or cytology findings are critical/unusual is...				
11. If screening Pap tests are done in the laboratory, the database is searched at set intervals to determine if the management recommendation pertaining to a repeat smear or colposcopy was followed....				
12. Frozen sections are stored (i.e., permanently mounted, labeled and stored with the permanent slides for the case)...				

Clinical Practice: Departmental/Facility Requesting and Reporting Mechanisms

	Appropriate(ly)	Appropriate(ly) with recommendations	Concerns	N/A
13. The tissue block used for frozen sections is processed and permanent slides prepared for final sign-out and stored with all permanent blocks and slides for the case is...				
14. Sufficient demographic information, history or clinical findings to support the pathologic diagnosis on the report is provided...				
15. Reports document the names of the cytotechnologist(s) and the pathologist involved in the cases, and contains the signature (which can be electronic) of the pathologist who finalized the report and are...				
16. If the specimen is limited or unsatisfactory and limits interpretation, it is stated along with recommendations for the submission of an adequate specimen...				
17. Reports that indicate that specimens are non-representative of the stated tissue site are...				
18. The microscope is functional, modern and...				
19. The range of stains available to the physician's practice is...				
20. The facility and equipment of the physician's practice is...				
21. The quality of the technical work that supports the diagnosis is...				
22. A QA policy for the pathologist's professional activities is...				

Section Recommendation

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Departmental/Facility Requesting and Reporting Mechanisms			

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NO RECOMMENDATIONS/SUGGESTIONS

Case Record Summary

This is the record for all cases reviewed. Please complete the box below for **each** case that is reviewed, **regardless of whether or not there is a concern/recommendation**. Each case reviewed should include a case identifier (**please refrain from using full patient names**), the tissue type, the presenting problem and your comments. If there are no concerns/recommendations, please ensure that you have briefly given some indication as to why the care is appropriate or exemplary.

NOTE: PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR COMMENTS DO NOT EXCEED THE SIZE OF THE TEXT BOX.

TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES REVIEWED:

Case #1

Case Identifier

Tissue Type

Presenting Problem of Case/Clinical Issue

Comments - Concerns - Recommendations Regarding Case Management

Case #2

Case Identifier

Tissue Type

Presenting Problem of Case/Clinical Issue

Comments - Concerns - Recommendations Regarding Case Management

Case Record Summary

Case #3

Case Identifier

Tissue Type

Presenting Problem of Case/Clinical Issue

Comments - Concerns - Recommendations Regarding Case Management

Case #4

Case Identifier

Tissue Type

Presenting Problem of Case/Clinical Issue

Comments - Concerns - Recommendations Regarding Case Management

Case Record Summary

Case #5

Case Identifier

Tissue Type

Presenting Problem of Case/Clinical Issue

Comments - Concerns - Recommendations Regarding Case Management

Case #6

Case Identifier

Tissue Type

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Comments - Concerns - Recommendations Regarding Case Management

Case Record Summary

Case #7

Case Identifier

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Presenting Problem of Case/Clinical Issue

Comments - Concerns - Recommendations Regarding Case Management

Case #8

Case Identifier

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Comments - Concerns - Recommendations Regarding Case Management

Case Record Summary

Case #9

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Comments - Concerns - Recommendations Regarding Case Management

Case #10

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Comments - Concerns - Recommendations Regarding Case Management

Case Record Summary

Case #11

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Comments - Concerns - Recommendations Regarding Case Management

Case #12

Case Identifier

Tissue Type

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Comments - Concerns - Recommendations Regarding Case Management

Case Record Summary

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Case #14

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Comments - Concerns - Recommendations Regarding Case Management

Case Record Summary

Case #15

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Case #20

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Case Record Summary

Case #27

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Comments - Concerns - Recommendations Regarding Case Management

Case #28

Case Identifier

Tissue Type

Presenting Problem of Case/Clinical Issue

Comments - Concerns - Recommendations Regarding Case Management

Case Record Summary

Case #29

Case Identifier

Tissue Type

Presenting Problem of Case/Clinical Issue

Comments - Concerns - Recommendations Regarding Case Management

Case #30

Case Identifier

Tissue Type

Presenting Problem of Case/Clinical Issue

Comments - Concerns - Recommendations Regarding Case Management

Facility Comments

Please list any comments that you have regarding the facility. **PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR COMMENTS DO NOT EXCEED THE SIZE OF THE TEXT BOX BELOW.**

NO COMMENTS

General Comments

Please list any additional or general comments that you have regarding this assessment. **PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR COMMENTS DO NOT EXCEED THE SIZE OF THE TEXT BOX BELOW.**

NO COMMENTS