GOALS AND OBJECTIVES
ELECTIVE COMMUNITY ROTATION AP

This rotation provides exposure to a different caseload, members of staff and institution. This rotation helps the resident understand the role of an Anatomic Pathologist in Community Hospital. During this rotation, the resident should acquire the following:

MEDICAL EXPERT

- Take an active role in specimen grossing and preparation of surgical cases for sign out.
- Be involved in the handling of frozen sections (under staff supervision) including obtaining relevant information from clinician, gross examination of specimen, selection of tissue block, interpretation of sections, advice to clinician and preparation of tissue for relevant special techniques (e.g., immunohistochemistry, etc.).

COMMUNICATOR

- Be capable of mature and informed consultation with clinicians and pathologists in reference to issues of patient care, medical education and research.
- Participate in the preparation of surgical (and autopsy) reports as they are to be signed by a staff pathologist.

COLLABORATOR

- Work well with Medical and technical staff.

MANAGER

- Understand the resources available for patient care.
- Understand how a regional hospital works effectively and efficiently in a health care organization.
- Understand lab information system in a regional hospital setting.
HEALTH ADVOCATE

- Be aware of cervical cancer screening in a community setting.
- Reporting of communicable disease to health authorities.
- Understand isolation procedures for such things as MRSA.

SCHOLAR

- Read around cases and explore knowledge resources in a community setting.

PROFESSIONAL

- Be exposed to the role of the physician within the community and hospital structure.
- The residents continue a high standard of laboratory medical practice, appreciating personal limitations in diagnostic skill, which will require referral of particular types of case in the best interests of patient care.
- The residents will demonstrate integrity, honesty and compassion in all aspects of the practice of laboratory medicine as well as personal and interpersonal professional behaviors of a high ethical standard. These behaviors will include those relating to confidentiality, respect for others, conflict of interest, codes of conduct, personal and professional boundaries and consent.

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