



## Clinical Privileges Profile Pathology Assistant

### Kettering Medical Center System

Kettering Medical Center       Sycamore Medical Center

### Dependent Allied Health Professional

#### Criteria:

Must have a minimum of a bachelor's degree or must be a graduate of a pathologists' assistants educational program accredited by the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Science (NAACLS) or be able to demonstrate that they meet specific training and work experience requirements sufficient to sit for the certification test. Must obtain certification within two years of completing the educational requirements.

#### Duties:

At the direction and under the supervision of a Pathologist, a Pathologists' Assistant may perform the following tasks and assume the responsibility for the following duties:

#### Preparation, gross description and dissection of human tissue surgical specimens including:

1. Assuring appropriate specimen accessioning.
2. Obtaining clinical history, including scans, x-rays, laboratory data, etc.
3. Describing gross anatomic features, dissecting surgical specimens, and preparing tissues for histologic processing.
4. Obtaining biological specimens such as blood, tissue and toxicological material for studies such as flow cytometry, image analysis, immunohistochemistry etc., and performing special procedures including Faxitron imaging and tumor triage.
5. Photographing all pertinent gross specimens and microscopic slides.
6. Selecting, preparing and submitting appropriate gross tissue sections for frozen section analysis as well as for light, electron and immunofluorescent microscopy
7. Performing duties relating to administrative maintenance of surgical pathology protocols, reports and data, including the filing of reports, protocols, photographic and microscopic slides; assuring the completion of specimen coding; and billing.
8. Assuring proper maintenance of equipment, provision of adequate supplies, and cleanliness of the surgical pathology suite.
9. Assisting in the organization and coordination of anatomic pathology conferences.

#### Preparation of human postmortem examinations including:

1. Ascertaining proper legal authorization for autopsy
2. Retrieving the patient's medical chart and other pertinent data for review with the attending pathologist(s).
3. Conferring with the attending pathologist(s) to identify any special techniques and procedures to be utilized in the completion of the postmortem examination, (e.g. cultures; smears; histochemical, immunofluorescence, toxicological, viral, or electron microscopy studies etc.), and notifying all personnel directly involved.
4. Notifying the physician in charge, the funeral home, and all other appropriate authorities prior to the beginning of the autopsy; and coordinating any requests for special specimen sampling (e.g. organ transplantation, research, etc).

5. Performing postmortem examinations which may include: external examination, in situ organ inspection; evisceration; dissection and dictation or recording of data such as organ weights, presence of body fluids, etc., and gross anatomic findings.
6. Selecting, preparing and submitting appropriate gross tissue sections for frozen section analysis as well as for light, electron and immunofluorescent microscopy.
7. Obtaining biological specimens such as blood, tissue and toxicological material for studies including flow cytometry, image analysis, immunohistochemistry etc.; and performing special procedures such as coronary artery perfusions, central nervous system perfusion, enucleation, inner ear bone dissection, spinal cord removal, etc.
8. Photographing the body, organs, microscopic slides and other pertinent materials.
9. Gathering and organizing clinical information and data pertinent to the preparation of the preliminary summarization of the clinical history.
10. Preparing the body for release (including indicating the presence of biohazards such as contagious disease, radiation implants, etc.), and releasing the body to the appropriate mortuary or funeral home representative.
11. Performing duties related to administrative maintenance of autopsy protocols; photographic and microscopic slides; and assuring the completion of coding.
12. Assisting in the organization and coordination of autopsy conference.
13. Assuring proper maintenance of equipment, the provision of adequate supplies, and the cleanliness of the autopsy suite.

All diagnostic interpretations must be rendered by the supervising pathologists; including frozen section interpretation, microscopic examination of tissues and final diagnoses on surgical specimens and autopsies.

All duties that the pathologists' assistant performs are performed under indirect or direct supervision of a pathologist who should be available for consultation whenever assistance is required.

I hereby apply for the above duties and attest to my competency to perform same.

**Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

I have reviewed and attest to the competence of the above individual and agree to supervise his/her clinical duties.

**Employing/Supervising Physician:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Clinical Service Chief:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_