

**Department of Surgery
ALLIED HEALTH PERSONNEL – PATHOLOGIST’S ASSISTANT**

Please Print Name

Please indicate the activities requested by checking the appropriate boxes. Your request will be reviewed and approved in accordance with the scope of practice for the activities requested.

REQ.	APP.	ROUTINE DUTIES	
		Assist pathologists in gross dissection of small biopsy specimens	
		Assist pathologists in a limited number of larger specimens requiring low to intermediate dissection skills	
		Gather, screen and prepare materials that the pathologists must examine in order to make a diagnosis	
		Assist in the preparation and staining of specimens for frozen sections	
REQ.	APP.	SPECIMEN PROCESSING REQUIRING INDIRECT SUPERVISION	
		Indirect supervision is acceptable for specimen types that require simple dissection or orientation. These specimens are limited to the following:	
Adenoids Appendix Benign soft tissue lesions Benign bone Breast biopsy for gynecomastia Cervical biopsy Cysts (ganglion,sebaceous) Coronary arteries		Endocervical/endometrial curettings Endoscopic biopsy Fallopian tube segments Fibromas/fibromatosis Gallbladder Hemorrhoids Hysterectomy for benign disease	Hernia sac Lipomas Morton’s neuroma Needle core biopsy Placenta Prostate (TUR) Pilonidal cyst/sinus Skin biopsy Sinus contents
			Spleen (traumatic) Temporal artery Tonsils Uterine contents (POC) Valve leaflets Vas deferens
REQ.	APP.	SPECIMEN PROCESSING REQUIRING DIRECT SUPERVISION	
		Direct supervision is not necessary for most cases, since all cases requiring complex dissection will be performed solely by a pathologist. However, the pathologist’s assistant, at his/her discretion, will request assistance from one of the pathologist’s at any time whenever unfamiliar pathologic findings are encountered or orientation of a specimen is required.	

I understand a pathologist is available on the premises during normal business hours and is on-call at all other times. Regardless of specimen type, if there is uncertainty on how to handle a specimen, it should be held until a pathologist can review the specimen.

Signature - Requesting Pathologist’s Assistant

Date

Sponsoring Physician – As sponsoring physician of the applicant, I understand it is my responsibility to ensure that the applicant abides by the Medical Staff Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, and/or any policies and procedures established by the Hospital, and practices within the scope of his/her privileges.

Name of Sponsoring Physician (Please Print)

Date

Signature of Sponsoring Physician

Specialty of Sponsoring Physician

APPROVED BY:	DATE
Department of Surgery	

Date: _____
Credentials approval

Date: _____
Medical Executive approval

Date: _____
Board of Directors approval

JOHN C. LINCOLN DEER VALLEY HOSPITAL

ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONAL

PATHOLOGISTS' ASSISTANT

Non-Physician

QUALIFICATIONS

The educational background should include satisfactory completion of a NAACLS accredited Pathologists' Assistant training program and obtain certification through the American Society for Clinical Pathology as a Pathologists' Assistant. Additional training will occur by the Pathologists after a standard gross exam manual has been read in its entirety and understood. The work performed will conform to those standards. The Pathologists' Assistant is expected to execute work according to contained procedure and to refer to the Pathologist for clarification, orientation and training situations.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE

DUTIES:

Assist pathologists in gross dissection of small biopsy specimens, as well as a limited number of larger specimens requiring low to intermediate dissection skills. Gather, screen and prepare materials that the pathologists must examine in order to make a diagnosis. Assist in the preparation and staining of specimens for frozen sections.

OBSERVATION:

The pathologist's assistant will be observed for a period of one month with all cases being under direct supervision by a pathologist.

Indirect supervision will commence after the completion of the period of direct supervision.

INDIRECTION SUPERVISION:

Indirect supervision is defined as the pathologist's assistant working independently using set guidelines for specimen processing as directed in the gross room procedure manual.

Indirect supervision is acceptable for specimen types that require simple dissection or orientation. These specimens are limited to the following:

Adenoids	Appendix	Benign bone
Endocervical/ Endometrial curettings	Cervical biopsy	Endoscopic biopsy
Fallopian tube segments	Hemorrhoids	Gallbladder
Hernia sac	Prostate (TUR)	Needle core biopsy
Placenta	Tonsils	Skin biopsy
Sinus contents	Valve leaflets	Vas deferens
Uterine contents (POC)	Temporal artery	Hysterectomy for benign disease
Benign soft tissue lesions	Varicose veins	Breast biopsy for gynecomastia
Cysts (ganglion, sebaceous)	Coronary arteries	Pilonidal cyst/sinus
Fibromas/fibromatosis	Spleen (traumatic)	Morton's neuroma
	Lipomas	

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