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Goals and Objectives
Junior residents (3 months); senior residents (1 month)

Each resident will interview with the site director at the beginning of their rotation and an exit interview at the end.

Junior residents gross-in specimens and sign them out on alternate days. They sign-out (SP-1 rotation) everything that they grossed-in. Wednesdays are University lectures and “catch-up” days.

Senior residents sign-out cases every day. Wednesdays are University lectures and “catch-up” days.

All residents are expected to have reviewed relevant aspects in the medical record before sign-out session, and to have read relevant literature.

All residents are expected to have a presumptive diagnosis on their cases at the time of sign-out. Presumptive diagnoses must be written (either on the paper-work or on a spate list, but the method should be consistent). Junior resident must have considered differential diagnoses. Senior residents must include staging information as per CAP templates for tumor resections.
Junior and senior residents must consider possible immunostains or special stains that may be needed for differential diagnosis, to be discussed at the time of sign-out.

Junior residents are expected to take the “Yellow Belt” workshop training in Quality Improvement (offered by the VA every three months). Sign-up with Susan Chattin, Susan.Chattin@va.gov on the first day of the rotation.

Junior residents are expected to do one Q/I project or research project during their rotation and to present it to faculty on the last Friday of their rotation (Conference Room BD-131). A PowerPoint of this presentation must be copied to director of the rotation and uploaded by resident into his/her portfolio. Research projects are expected to be submitted for presentation at a pathology meeting and will be submitted for publication. A draft of the manuscript must be available and submitted to the director of the rotation.

Junior and senior residents are expected to present one monthly journal club; two articles are assigned to them (Conference Room BD-131). A PowerPoint of the journal club discussion must be copied to director of the rotation and uploaded by resident into his/her portfolio.

Junior and senior residents are expected to discuss one monthly case presentation (date assigned to them) on an interesting case they have worked on with review of relevant literature (Conference Room BD-131). A PowerPoint of this case presentation must be copied to director of the rotation and uploaded by resident into his/her portfolio.

Junior residents are expected to take the on-line training and pass the test to be certified as College of American Pathologists (CAP) inspectors for laboratory accreditation. A copy of the certificate must be given to the director of the rotation, and uploaded by the resident into his/her portfolio.

All residents are expected to send an electronic version of their case-log with the cases and diagnoses that they were assigned during the rotation to the director. No patient personal identification should be included (only date, biopsy number and diagnosis, pathologist signing out, comments and references are optional). Residents must upload their case-log into their portfolio.

All residents are expected to attend daily AP Consensus Conference (3:00 PM in Multi-headed Conference Room (Room BD 110a).

All residents are expected to attend and present weekly autopsy conference (Morgue).
All residents are expected to attend dermatopathology didactic conference with dermatopathologists (twice a week, 8:00 AM in Multiheaded Conference Room, BD 110a).

Residents are expected to attend dermatopathology specialty sign-out sessions with dermatopathologists (twice a week, 9:00 AM in Multiheaded Conference Room, BD 110a).

All residents are expected to attend weekly Medicine Mortality and Morbidity Conference (Atrium Auditorium) at noon on Wednesdays.

Residents are expected to present the pathology of their cases when they are presented at interdisciplinary conferences (ad-hoc).

Junior residents are expected to learn how to cut frozen sections, participate in the examination of frozen section slides and communicate frozen section diagnoses to surgeons.

Senior residents are expected to assist staff pathologists during immediate cytologic interpretation in radiology.

Residents are invited to attend interdisciplinary clinicopathologic conferences as interest and time allow: Breast Cancer Conference, GI Conference, Urology Conference, Colorectal, thoracic, head and neck, etc.).

Junior residents are expected to perform autopsies during their rotation; autopsy has priority over other activities.

All residents are expected to attend Monthly Quality Management Meeting (Third Thursday, Noon (Room BD-131).

Daily schedule: 08:00 to 17:00 Monday to Friday

There is no on-call duty.

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