

ACGME CORE COMPETENCIES for Pathology

Patient Care

Compassionate, appropriate, and effective care for the treatment of health problems and the promotion of health. Residents must demonstrate a satisfactory level of diagnostic competence and the ability to provide appropriate and effective consultation in the context of pathology services.

Medical Knowledge

Medical knowledge about established and evolving biomedical, clinical, and cognate (eg, epidemiological and social-behavioral) sciences and the application of this knowledge to pathology

Practice-Based Learning and Improvement

Involves investigation and evaluation of their diagnostic and consultative practices, appraisal and assimilation of scientific evidence, and improvements in their patient care practice

Interpersonal and Communication Skills

Result in effective information exchange and collaboration with other health professionals and with patients and their families

Professionalism

Manifested through a commitment to carrying out professional responsibilities, adherence to ethical principles, and sensitivity to a diverse patient population

Systems-Based Practice

Manifested by actions that demonstrate an awareness of and responsiveness to the larger context and system of health care and the ability to effectively call on system resources to provide pathology services that are of optimal value