

Cytopathology 3 month minimum	
<i>Skill level I (1st 1-2 months)</i>	Competency Fulfilled
Specimen Handling (MK, ICS) Demonstrates familiarity with methods of collection, cytopreparatory processing, and turn around times for common cytopathology specimens; able to answer frequently asked questions regarding such issues.	
GYN Reporting (MK, ICS, SBP) Demonstrates knowledge of the current Bethesda system terminology for reporting GYN cytology specimens and of the principles and application of HPV probe analysis	
Non-GYN reporting (MK, ICS, SBP) Demonstrates knowledge of elements of adequacy and current reporting system for fine needle aspiration biopsy (FNA) and exfoliative non-gynecologic cytopathology specimens.	
Specimen Examination (MK, PBL) Demonstrates knowledge of how common cytopathology specimens are screened and how to evaluate specimens comprehensively	
Basic Diagnostic Skills (PC, MK) Recognizes cytopathologic features of normal, reactive, infectious, dysplastic and neoplastic conditions seen in common cytology specimens	
<i>Skill level II (3^d month)</i>	Competency Fulfilled
Ancillary Techniques (PC, MK) Can explain when and how to use ancillary techniques including culture, image analysis, immunocytochemistry, flow cytometry, cytogenetics, and molecular studies (FISH; PCR)	
Initial Evaluation and Handling of FNAs (PC, MK) Demonstrates ability to rapidly evaluate common FNA biopsy specimens for adequacy, for the need to initiate ancillary studies, and demonstrates knowledge of appropriate collection materials for such techniques.	
FNA Preliminary Skills: (MK) Demonstrates understanding of training materials describing how to perform FNA biopsies; shows familiarity with instruments used to perform FNAs; able to aspirate and make slides of diagnostic quality from materials available at the surgical pathology bench	
FNA Performance(PC, MK, ICS) Demonstrates competency in the performance of clinical superficial FNA biopsy, taking history appropriately, obtaining consent, examining lesion, preparing the patient and biopsy instruments, physically procuring the specimen and preparing and staining the smears with a preliminary interpretation and appropriate after care instructions for the patient	
Reporting (ICS) Demonstrate knowledge of how to clearly, concisely and completely compose a report for specimens from various commonly sampled body sites and how to recommend appropriate follow-up based on the pathologic findings	
Correlation Activities (PBL, SBP) Demonstrate knowledge of how to	

perform quality assurance studies of GYN and Non-GYN specimens with surgical pathology, both in aggregate for QA purposes and on a case-by-case basis for diagnostic purposes.	
Quality Management (MK, SBP) Demonstrate knowledge of how to apply concepts of quality control, quality improvement, risk management, and of regulatory compliance including correct coding as these pertain to the practice of cytopathology.	