TITLE: Pathologist Assistant

BASIC FUNCTION AND RESPONSIBILITY

To assist pathologists in the gross examination and description of surgical pathology specimens, the examination and prosection of autopsy cases, specimen photography and assisting with frozen section examinations.

CHARACTERISTIC DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Essential:
- Prepare and perform surgical pathology specimen examinations.
- Access specimen and compile appropriate clinical history.
- Describe and dissect surgical specimens.
- Prepare tissues for microscopic examination, including the preparation of frozen sections.
- Procure biological specimens for special studies and research.
- Document surgical specimens via coding and photography.
- Process patient care orders using the electronic ordering system may be required in certain areas.

RELATED DUTIES

Perform other related duties as assigned.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED

General supervision is received from a Pathologist.

SUPERVISION EXERCISED

Functional supervision may be exercised over assigned support staff.

QUALIFICATIONS

Satisfactory completion of a pathologist assistant program accredited by the National Commission on Certification of Pathologists’ Assistants. Membership in the American Association of Pathologists’ Assistants is desirable.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

This position requires moderate standing/walking, as well as lifting, positioning, pushing, and/or transferring of patients.

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