

- ✓ Records of corrective action if reporting omissions or errors were identified

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## ANP.12400 Correlation of Results

**Phase II**

**Morphologic diagnoses are correlated with the results of specialized studies (eg, immunohistochemistry, nucleic acid probes, cytogenetics, flow cytometry, electron microscopy).**

*NOTE: It is not in the best interests of the patient to have potentially conflicting diagnoses or interpretations rendered by different sections of the laboratory. The pathologist should issue a report reconciling potentially conflicting data, when appropriate.*

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## ANP.12500 Record and Material Retention - Surgical Pathology

**Phase II**



**Surgical pathology records and materials are retained for an appropriate period.**

*NOTE 1: The retention policy must address protecting and preserving the integrity and retrieval of surgical pathology materials and records.*

**Policies for retention of records and materials must comply with national, federal, state (or provincial), and local laws and regulations, and with the retention periods listed in the table below, whichever is most stringent.**

Type of Record/Material	Retention Period
Accession log records	2 years
Wet tissue (stock bottle)	2 weeks after final report
Paraffin blocks (including cell blocks)	10 years Refer to Note 2 below, paragraphs #2 and #3, for deceased patient material
Immunohistochemistry batch control slides	2 years
Surgical pathology glass slides	10 years - slides must remain readable for this period
Surgical pathology reports *	10 years