



LB.76 The anatomical pathology has a process for reviewing the previous cytology and histology material and solving disparities.

LB.76.1 There is a policy mandating the inclusion of review results with the current patient report.

LB.76.2 The policy covers solving and documenting disparities between frozen section/ cytology/ gross examination and the final pathology report.

Standard Intent:

In certain clinical situations, review of previously examined specimens may affect current patient care by determining subsequent management protocols. Retrospective comparison of specimens from multiple body sites within a relatively short time span may be required for comparison of a current specimen with one from the past may distinguish a metastasis from a second primary neoplasm. Results of the review can be incorporated in the current cytology or tissue report or in a separate document. Retrospective reviews are subject to the biasing effect of knowledge of outcome, and this fact should be kept in mind during any such review.
