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CYP.00190 Educational Participation - Non-gynecologic Cytopathology **Phase I**

For laboratories that perform non-gynecologic cytopathology, the laboratory participates in an interlaboratory peer-comparison educational program in NON-GYNECOLOGIC cytopathology (eg, CAP Interlaboratory Comparison Program in Non-Gynecologic Cytopathology NGC).

Evidence of Compliance:

- ✓ Records of enrollment and participation in the educational component of the CAP NGC program **OR**
- ✓ Records of enrollment and participation in another educational non-gynecologic cytopathology peer-comparison program **OR**
- ✓ Records for participation in a laboratory-developed program by circulating non-gynecologic case material with other laboratories

QUALITY MANAGEMENT

Quality management in cytopathology should address both negative and abnormal/positive cases. The program must include both rescreening and hierarchic case review, as well as correlation of cytological and available histological material. In addition, the laboratory should participate in interlaboratory comparison, self-assessment and performance improvement programs. There must be records of intra- and extra-departmental consultation, as appropriate. Results of QM surveillance should be shared with the responsible pathologist(s) and cytotechnologist(s).

Inspector Instructions:

- How are disparities between histological and cytological findings addressed?
- Under what circumstances do you issue a corrected, addendum, or amended report?

CYP.01650 Cytopathology Exclusion **Phase I**

The institution defines specimens that may be excluded from routine submission to the cytology department for examination.

NOTE: This policy may be made in conjunction with the hospital administration and appropriate medical staff departments. The laboratory director should have participated in or been consulted by the medical staff in deciding which cytology specimens are to be sent to the laboratory for examination.