Clinical Practice Committee

Description: The Clinical Practice Committee monitors changes in healthcare that affect the clinical practice of cytopathology and assists laboratories in responding to these challenges.

Responsibilities

- Anticipate and address issues related to new test development, new terminologies, quality improvement, and patient safety that impact cytology laboratory services.
- Maintain awareness of new developments and trends in clinical cytopathology practice and communicate these to pertinent committees, including the Scientific Program and other educational committees, for inclusion in programming.
- Act as a resource and/or advisor to members on quality improvement activities.
- Address ways to improve the workplace for cytology professionals.
- Develop initiatives related to new roles for cytopathologists and cytotechnologists and effective test utilization in cytopathology.
- Explore collaborations with USCAP, PSC, ASCP, CAP, ASCT, and other societies on initiatives, when appropriate.
- Develop and/or solicit publications for the Journal of the American Society of Cytopathology.

2018-2019 Initiatives

- Address the controversy regarding the performance of ROSE in cytopathology and the related reimbursement issues, and develop a national ROSE policy/consensus guideline.
- Develop guidelines for collaboration of laboratories to use cell cultures for immunohistochemical validation of cytology specimens.
- Assist and advise the IAC/ASC task force on the forthcoming international system for reporting serous fluid cytopathology.
- Work with other subspecialties to establish guidelines for molecular testing on cytologic samples.

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