CYTOTECHNOLOGIST

Nature of Work: Under direct supervision, performs work at the full-performance level by preparing, screening, and evaluating PAP smears for the detection of cancer and/or other pathological entities. Questionable or suspicious slides are reviewed by a pathologist. Responsible for maintaining proper records and files. Performs related work as required.

Examples of Work

Stains, mounts and studies cells of the human body to determine pathological conditions.

Examines specimens and diagnoses nature and extent of disease or cellular damage.

Conducts a variety of laboratory tests and analyses to confirm findings.

Requests additional patient information where further treatment is recommended in order to correlate diagnoses.

Communicates with representatives of county health departments, family planning clinics and physicians, concerning test results.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

Knowledge of diagnostic cytology and cytopathology laboratory techniques.

Knowledge of proper record keeping procedures.

Ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing.

Minimum Qualifications

Training: Current certification as a Cytotechnologist from the American Society of Clinical Pathologists.

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