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MSL974037 Triage and allocate tissue specimens

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Modification History

Release 1. New unit.

Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge to triage and allocate tissue specimens for transfer or surgical cut-up.

This unit applies to technical assistants, technical officers and laboratory technicians working in anatomical pathology laboratories. The scope of work to be undertaken is clearly described in the laboratory's manual of procedures. The unit of competency is based on the assumption that technical personnel would perform work under the supervision of scientific and/or medical staff as per National Pathology Accreditation Advisory Council (NPAAC) guidelines. The pathologist has the ultimate responsibility for the handling of a specimen regardless of who has performed these tasks.

No licensing or certification requirements exist at the time of publication. However, regulations and/or external accreditation requirements for laboratory operations exist, so local requirements should be checked. Relevant legislation, industry standards and codes of practice within Australia must also be applied.

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

Competency Field

Testing

Elements and Performance Criteria

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Elements describe the essential outcomes.	Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.
1. Receive and check tissue specimens	1.1 Unpack tissue specimens and match to request forms in accordance with workplace procedures 1.2 Identify tissue specimens and request forms that do not comply with workplace requirements 1.3 Record any discrepancies and indicate action required 1.4 Register samples in accordance with workplace procedures, recording details that allow accurate tracking and chain of custody

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	traceable to employee
2. Triage and distribute specimens	2.1 Identify and review data that informs tissue specimen triage 2.2 Identify fresh tissue specimens based on information provided 2.3 Sort, prioritise and distribute tissue specimens based on their complexity and subsequent processing requirements 2.4 Follow workplace procedures to optimise workflow processes

Foundation Skills

This section describes those language, literacy, numeracy and employment skills that are essential to performance.

Foundation skills essential to performance are explicit in the performance criteria of this unit.

Unit Mapping Information

No equivalent unit.

Links

MSL Laboratory Operations Companion Volume Implementation Guide is available from VETNet -

<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=5c63a03b-4a6b-4ae5-9560-1e3c5f462baa>