

UW Medicine - Pathology

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Scope of Service

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Scope of Practice / Service

The Department of Pathology is dedicated to determining the causes, analyzing the effects, developing means for the early detection and to improving the management of disease.

The UW Medicine Pathology Department provides anatomic pathology services for Harborview Medical Center, University of Washington Medical Center, University of Washington Physicians Network clinics and Seattle Cancer Care Alliance. It also provides regional expertise in specialized laboratory testing and professional consultations to providers throughout the Washington, Alaska, Montana and Idaho region.

Pathology is comprised of the following laboratories:

Surgical Pathology
Autopsy
Cytology
Cytogenetics
Neuropathology
Immunohistochemistry
Electron Microscopy
Molecular Diagnostics
DNA Flow Cytometry.

Embracing UW Medicine's vision of teaching and research excellence, the department trains medical students and residents and is committed to multiple fellowship programs.

Support Services:

The Pathology Services include:

- Documentation of gross and microscopic specimens
- Analysis of surgical specimens, fine needle aspirations and biopsies
- Evaluation of gynecological, non-gynecological and cytology specimens
- Full and limited clinical autopsies performed upon clinician request with consent of the next of kin
- Facilitation of decedent affairs
- Comprehensive Immunohistochemistry testing
- Electron Microscopy micrographs
- Chromosome analysis and clinical genomic testing in Cytogenetics
- DNA Flow Cytometry analysis

- Teaching support for medical students, residents and fellows on or about anatomic pathology
- Molecular tests including Array, HPV and FISH testing
- Intra-operative and/or Frozen section diagnosis of tissue
- Inter-disciplinary conferences

Staffing:

The Pathology Department is open Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. A pathologist and resident are on-call and available 24-hours, seven days a week to physicians for emergency diagnosis or other emergent issues.

Decedent Affairs is available 24-hours, seven days a week to assist families with disposition decisions.

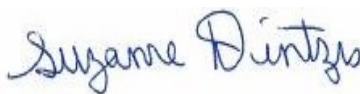
Standards of Care and Practice:

The following organizations provide standards of pathology practice:

- College of American Pathologists
- The Joint Commission
- American Society of Clinical Pathologists
- Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments
- American Society for Cytotechnology
- Washington State Department of Health
- National Institute of Health
- Center for Disease Control and Prevention
- National Funeral Home Association
- King County Department of Vital Records

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