# Division Scope of Service

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### Pathology Assistant:
The Pathology Assistant must have equivalent qualifications, competence and function in the same role as employed individuals performing the same or similar services at the facility, as defined by facility job description.

### Definition of Care or Service:
The Pathology Assistant acts under the direction of the medical staff pathologist, performs various tasks in surgical pathology, and autopsy pathology. Scope of Service may include:

- The Pathology Assistant work in accordance with facility policies and procedures, state and federal regulations and laws.
- Demonstrates Clinical and Service excellence behaviors to include HCA code of conduct core fundamentals in daily interactions with patients, families, co-workers and physicians.

### Setting(s):
- Methodist Healthcare facility lab settings.

### Supervision:
- Direct Supervision of MHS medical staff pathologist
- Indirect supervision by department director, site manager or designee

### Evaluator:
Pathologist and Hospital Laboratory Supervisor

### Qualifications:
- Highest level of education verification required
- Graduate of a NAACLS approved pathologist assistant training program or
- Received a baccalaureate degree with a major or minor in biological or allied health field
- PREFERRED: National certification for Pathologist Assistants

### State Requirements:
- N/A

### Experience:
A minimum of three years’ work experience as a Pathology Assistant

### Competencies:
The Pathology Assistant will demonstrate:

- Surgical Pathology: Preparation, gross description and dissection of surgical specimens including:
  - Preparing and submitting tissues for histologic processing
  - Assuring appropriate specimen accessioning
  - Describing gross anatomic features of surgical specimens
  - Preparing and submitting appropriate tissue sections for light microscopy (routine processing) as well as special procedures such as frozen section, electron microscopy, and immunofluorescence microscopy

- Autopsy Pathology: Preparation of human postmortem examination:
  - Preparation and submitting tissues for histologic processing
  - Obtains pertinent patient data for review with the pathologist
  - Confers with the pathologist to identify and special techniques and procedures to be utilized in the completion of examination and communicates to all directly involved personnel.
    - Culture smears
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- Histochemical
- Immunofluorescence
- Toxicological
- Viral or microscopic studies
  - Perform postmortem exam to include
    - External examination
    - In situ organ inspection
    - Evisceration
    - Dissection and dictation or recording of date such as organ weights, presence of body fluids, gross anatomic findings, etc
  - Select, prepare, and submit appropriate gross tissue sections for frozen section analysis as well as for light, electron, and immunofluorescent microscopy.
  - Gather and organize data & clinical information pertinent to the preparation of clinical history summarization
    - Photographing the body, organs, microscopic slides, and other pertinent materials.
    - Effectively communicates any necessary information to physicians and MHS Healthcare team members.

- Infection Prevention
  - Practices consistent hand hygiene
  - Uses personal protective equipment (PPE)
  - Required immunizations per DHP Division requirements
  - Complies with Isolation precautions

## References:

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**DHP Printed Name:** ______________________  **DHP Signature:** ______________________

**Company/ Vendor:** ______________________  **Date:** ________________