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Professional Experience

**May 2017-present Associate Director of Surgical Pathology Services
University of Florida, Department of Pathology, Immunology, and Laboratory
Medicine, Gainesville, FL**

- Supervisor of laboratory staff
- Certified Epic Beaker trainer
- Member of Resident Competency Committee
- Member of Program Evaluation Committee
- Daily and monthly laboratory QA
- Preparation of frozen sections and documentation of turn-around time
- Faculty mentor for student observers
- Gross description and prosection of surgical specimens
- Accession cases and assign proper CPT codes
- Triage of kidney biopsies for light, IF, and electron microscopy
- Triage fresh tissues for special studies (i.e., flow cytometry and cytogenetics)
- Prepare patient materials for special send out studies
- Facilitate tissue retrieval for CTSI and MBI tumor bank collection
- Provide daily teaching support to residents on Surgical Pathology service
- Resident, medical student, and undergraduate student teaching
- Gross specimen digital photography and archive

**July 2008 – May 2017 Assistant in Pathology
University of Florida, Department of Pathology, Immunology, and Laboratory Medicine
Gainesville, FL**

- Preparation of frozen sections and documentation of turn-around time
- Gross description and prosection of surgical specimens
- Accession cases using PowerPath and assign proper CPT codes
- Triage of kidney biopsies for light, IF, and electron microscopy
- Triage fresh tissues for special studies (i.e., flow cytometry and cytogenetics)
- Prepare patient materials for special send out studies
- Facilitate tissue retrieval for CTSI and MBI tumor bank collection
- Residents, medical student, and undergraduate student teaching
- Provide daily teaching support to residents on Surgical Pathology service
- Presented “Intro to GU” grossing lecture to new residents
- Developed “Intro to Surgical Pathology/Gross Room Checklist” for new residents
- Gross specimen digital photography
- Assignment to Shands @ AGH from July 2008 through October 2009

June 2002 – June 2008 Pathologists' Assistant I

UMass Memorial, Department of Pathology, Worcester, MA

- Preparation of frozen sections and documentation of turn around time
- Gross description and prosection of surgical specimens
- Daily case review of proper billing/CPT codes
- Digital gross photography: including downloading, archiving, and image distribution
- Coordination with Tumor Bank technician in collection of research tissue
- Preparation and presentation of Gross/Micro conferences to Pathology residents
- Provide guidance and support to residents on Surgical Pathology service
- Accession cases using Meditech and provide tracking numbers for transit specimens
- Attend kidney biopsies and triage tissue for light, IF, and electron microscopy
- Assist Attendings and Residents (of Pathology or other specialty) with special projects, including acquisition of gross and microscopic images and construction of databases
- Ordering office and laboratory supplies for the gross room and accessioning area
- Vacation coverage (grossing) for pathologist at satellite hospital

December 2000 – May 2002 Assistant in Pathology

**University of Florida, Department of Pathology, Immunology, and Laboratory Medicine
Gainesville, FL**

- Gross description and prosection of surgical specimens
- Preparation of frozen sections
- Gross and microscopic photography (35mm and digital images)
- Collection of research tissue (tumor bank)
- Accessioning cases with application of proper CPT codes
- Resident teaching
- Alternate coverage of UF Diagnostic Reference Laboratory (UF Health Pathology Lab)

November 1999 – December 2000 Senior Laboratory Technician

**University of Florida, Department of Pathology, Immunology, and Laboratory Medicine
Gainesville, FL**

- Accessioning cases with application of proper CPT codes
- Preparation of frozen sections
- Gross description and prosection of surgical specimens
- Gross and microscopic photography (35mm and digital images)
- Collection of research tissue (tumor bank)
- Resident teaching

August 1999 - November 1999 Histotechnologist I

Mayo Clinic at St. Lukes Hospital, Jacksonville, FL

- Accessioning cases
- Preparation of frozen sections
- Gross description and submission of biopsy specimens
- Embedding and cutting paraffin sections
- QA slides and delivery to pathologists
- Performing special stains

August 1998 – July 1999 Histotechnologist

Shands Hospital, Gainesville, FL

- Processing, embedding, and microtomy of paraffin sections
- Performing IHC, immunofluorescent, muscle enzyme and special stains
- Tissue processor programming and maintenance

February 1998 – August 1998 Medical Laboratory Assistant

Shands Hospital, Gainesville, FL

- Tissue processor maintenance
- Embedding and microtomy of autopsy cases
- Embedding and microtomy of surgical cases (Under direct supervision)

Education

1997 – 1998 Shands Histotechnology Training Program, Gainesville, FL

Histotechnologist Successful Completion Certificate

1995 – 1996 University of Florida College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, Gainesville, FL

Bachelor of Science in Zoology

1994 – 1995 Florida Atlantic University

Major in Biological Science

1989 – 1991 Santa Fe Community College

Associate of Arts

Professional Membership/ Fellowship

American Association of Pathologists' Assistants

American Society for Clinical Pathology

Awards

2011-2012 “Special Recognition for Resident Education”

2015-2016 “Special Recognition for Supporting Resident Education”

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