

DERMATOPATHOLOGY

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- Matriculation in the Dermatopathology Residency Program requires that the trainee must have completed an ACGME accredited residency in Dermatology, Anatomic Pathology, or Anatomic and Clinical Pathology. Therefore, every resident in dermatopathology has already had significant training in dermatopathology during their residency training in dermatology or pathology. All come in at the level of PGY-5.
- All dermatopathology fellows will devote a 4-month block of their fellowship year exclusively to the study of dermatopathology.
- For the remaining 8 months, dermatopathology residents who have had training in pathology will devote 50% of each day (averaged over a week) to education in clinical dermatology provided by the teaching faculty and examine at least 1000 patients including children and adults. During this clinical education, they will adhere to the scope of practice of PGY-2 resident physicians in dermatology (Attachment A).
- For the remaining 8 months, all dermatopathology residents who have training in dermatology will devote 50% of each day (averaged over a week) to education in anatomic pathology provided by the teaching faculty and must examine at least 1000 surgical pathology specimens and 200 cytopathology specimens. During education in anatomic pathology, the trainee will adhere to the scope of practice for a PGY-1 resident physician in pathology (Attachment B).
- With regard to dermatopathology, the dermatopathology trainee is required to oversee the cutting in of all specimens that are submitted for analysis. The trainees are required to be present during the daily sign-out sessions, at which time the microscopic sections of the pathology specimens are analyzed in the presence of the supervising attending physician. The dermatopathology trainee is responsible for dictating the microscopic report for those cases which are assigned to him/her by the attending physician. The attending physician will then review each of the microscopic descriptions and make any necessary corrections before the reports are verified. The dermatopathology resident is also responsible for ordering special studies and recut sections and for being sure that these special studies and recut sections are acquired in a timely manner and are reviewed with the attending physician on each case. The

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dermatopathology trainee is also responsible for communicating with the attending physicians who have requested the pathology consultation on those cases that are the responsibility of the resident and in which the ordering physician has requested a rush or urgent examination of the pathological material.

Note: The departments of Dermatology and Pathology adhere to the Medicare teaching physicians regulations for residency provision for all patients. Therefore, the term “under supervision” refers to the Medicare regulations.