

ANATOMIC PATHOLOGY

Criteria for Credentialing on National Specialist Register of Malaysia

1. Qualifications

- 1.1 Possess a basic medical degree recognised by the Malaysian Medical Council
- 1.2 Is fully registered as a medical practitioner with the Malaysian Medical Council and possesses a current annual practicing certificate from the Malaysian Medical Council
- 1.3 Holds a postgraduate degree in Pathology with a slant towards Anatomic Pathology, recognized by the Government of Malaysia
 - Member/Fellow of the Royal College of Pathologists, UK (MRCPPath, FRCPath)
 - Master of Pathology, Universiti Malaya
 - Master of Pathology (Anatomic Pathology), Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia
 - Master of Pathology (Anatomic Pathology), Universiti Sains Malaysia
 - Fellow of the Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia (FRCPA)
 - Diploma in Clinical Pathology, University of London (4 modules)
 - Any other equivalent Pathology postgraduate degree recognised by the Anatomic Pathology Specialty Committee. In such cases, consideration will be on a case by case basis. The following will be considered in the deliberations:
 - a. The total period of training in Pathology should not be less than 4 (FOUR) years and should be equivalent to that in Clause 2.2 and satisfy Clause 2.3
 - b. The training should be carried out in a laboratory accredited for training
 - c. Evidence of satisfactory training shall include:
 - i. Curriculum of the training programme
 - ii. Evidence of satisfactory completion of the training programme
 - iii. Reports from supervisor (s) / trainer (s) on satisfactory achievement of Clauses 2.2 and 2.3

2. Training

- 2.1 The training programme should have the specific objectives of producing a competent Anatomic Pathologist with consultant level skills in Histopathology, Cytopathology and Clinical Autopsy examination with competence in management and organization of the diagnostic anatomic pathology services.

- 2.2 The training programme should include at least 3 (THREE) years of supervised training in a laboratory accredited for Anatomic Pathology training with acquisition of competence to perform the following:

Practical Skills	Level of competence
Reporting of routine surgical pathology including histochemistry and immunohistochemistry	Able to perform unsupervised
Recognise common ultrastructural changes of diagnostic significance	Able to perform under indirect supervision
Frozen sections	Able to perform under indirect supervision
Clinical autopsy examination and reporting of results	Able to perform unsupervised
Reporting of cytological smears	Able to perform unsupervised
Fine needle aspiration and reporting of FNA smears	Able to perform unsupervised
Record keeping and disease indexing (eg SNOMED)	Able to perform unsupervised
Manage a diagnostic anatomic pathology laboratory	Able to perform unsupervised
Provide active consultancy services for patient care	Able to perform unsupervised

- 2.3 The training programme should ensure that the following procedures have been undertaken and assessed during the training period.

Procedure	Number to be undertaken
Routine surgical pathology reporting	4000
Frozen section reporting	80
Conduct of routine autopsies and reporting	80
Reporting of gynaecological smears	400
Reporting of non-gynaecological smears	400
Fine needle aspiration and reporting of FNA smears	100

3. Work Experience

- 3.1 At least 6 (SIX) months of working experience under supervision in an Anatomic Pathology laboratory after acquisition of the postgraduate professional qualification as in Clause 1.3.

- 3.2 The above clause (3.1) should be evidenced by a supervisor (s) report (s) indicating satisfactory completion of the supervised working experience

4. Designations

- 4.1 An Anatomic Pathologist is a Pathologist who practices Histopathology and Cytopathology and is competent to carry out Clinical Autopsies

- 4.2 The National Specialist Register provides for an Anatomic Pathologist who exclusively practices one branch of Anatomic Pathology as defined below:

4.2.1 A Cytopathologist is an Anatomic Pathologist who practices exclusively in Cytopathology

4.2.2 A Histopathologist is an Anatomic Pathologist who practices exclusively in Histopathology and may conduct clinical autopsies

- 5. The Anatomic Pathology Specialty Committee reserves the right to assess applications which do not conform to Clauses 2 and 3 above a case-by-case basis**

6. Professional Good Standing

- 6.1 The onus lies with the applicant to declare to the Anatomic Pathology Specialty Committee any instance (s) of loss of professional good standing

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