PROGRESSIVE PATHOLOGY
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A MORE PROGRESSIVE APPROACH TO PATHOLOGY REPORTS.

Our pathology reporting includes procedures designed to promote diagnostic accuracy and improve clinical outcomes:

- Synoptic reports—these reports add value with clinical relevance, detail our diagnostic criteria and provide essential therapeutic and prognostic information.

- Detailed microscopic descriptions of difficult or unusual cases—our comments detail how we arrive at our diagnosis.

- Note clinical information provided—our reports note clinical diagnosis and preop diagnosis information, or their absence.

- Definitive diagnosis—we provide either a definitive diagnosis or we seek consultation. We don't make descriptive diagnoses.

- Differential diagnostic considerations—as interobserver variability exists, we discuss other possibilities which may encourage the clinician to provide additional information.

- Documented recommendations for follow-up studies, tests or treatment—referring clinicians find these recommendations useful.

- Identify provisional diagnoses—any diagnosis requiring results from special stains are deemed provisional, with the understanding that a final, definitive diagnosis will follow when studies or consultations are complete.

- Supplemental reports—we provide these when we receive important new information after the release of our initial report.

- Documented intradepartmental second opinions—we note any interobserver variability or specialist opinions on malignant, suspicious or atypical diagnoses.

- Documented intent to seek outside expert second opinion—if a definitive diagnosis requires this level of consultation, we note it.

- Written reports for "curbside" consultations—these supplement the clinician's note in the medical record.

- Report review—as the final arbiter of quality, Dr. Hall reviews all reports before their release to detect transcription errors.

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