

Position Statement

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The Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia (the College) is committed to the promotion of excellence in pathology and to engaging with consumers to understand their priorities and expectations. The Lay Committee of the College has developed the following list of what they expect from pathologists so that these will be considered when developing and revising curricula for training.

Pathologists will:

1. Demonstrate and maintain competence
2. Be respectful of patients
3. Treat specimens respectfully
4. Foster constructive collegiality and teamwork within the laboratory
5. Be part of the medical team looking after patients
6. Provide accurate and timely results
7. Be professional in their approach
8. Be involved in appropriate accreditation and quality activities
9. Provide value for public and private expenditure.