

## Policy

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The management of macroscopic examination and dissection of tissue specimens, including the selection of tissue for microscopic examination, is at all times the responsibility of the pathologist.

When some or all of the description and tissue selection is delegated to a non-pathologist:

1. A pathologist must be available to inspect the specimen(s) and provide advice.
2. The non-pathologist performing the task must be appropriately trained to undertake the responsibilities delegated to him or her;
3. A procedure manual covering in adequate detail all of the delegated tasks must be readily available within the laboratory; and
4. Both the non-pathologist performing the cut up and the supervising pathologist must be identifiable in the records of the laboratory.

Refer to the 2001 NPAAC Guideline "Guidelines for the Performance of the Pathology Surgical Cut-Up".