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### **Department of Laboratory Pathology Residency Program**

#### DESCRIPTION OF CLINICAL CLERKSHIP

1. The intent of this clerkship is to provide exposure to the aspects of both anatomic and clinical pathology. During a four week rotation the visitor will alternate on a weekly basis between the anatomic and clinical specialties.
2. The core curriculum includes:
  - a. Anatomic pathology: the visitor will spend two weeks in this division spending four days on the surgical pathology service and a smaller segment of time on the cytology service. The autopsy service has an unpredictable schedule, however when performed, attendance is recommended.
  - b. Core and Complex labs: the visitor will spend one week in these divisions. The core lab includes clinical chemistry and hematology sections and the complex lab mainly covers microbiology. At least two days will be spent with the hematopathologist to review bone marrow and lymph node studies in the evaluation of leukemia and lymphoma.
  - c. Blood bank: the visitor will spend one week in this division getting exposure to both blood donor center activities and transfusion medicine services.
3. Additional experiences
  - a. Morning conferences: Monday through Thursday morning a staff member presents a topic of specialty to the residents. The department has specialists in Blood Bank, Hematopathology, Microbiology, Cytology, Neuropathology, Dermatopathology, and Forensic Pathology.
  - b. Unknown conference: Friday morning the residents present unknown cases, which are critiqued by the staff.
  - c. Afternoon conference: Every afternoon at 1530 staff members present interesting and difficult cases for guidance from other staff members.
4. Evaluation: At the end of the rotation a brief essay on particular topics will be required for successful completion.