

National Histopathology QA Programme: Practical Aspects Workshop

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Workshop Overview

- Focus on the practical aspects of the Implementation of the Histopathology QA Guidelines
- The key purpose of the workshop is to facilitate the sharing of experiences of different solutions between laboratories.



Time	Activity	Speaker
10.30	Welcome note	Dr Susan O' Reilly, National Director National Cancer Control Programme
10.35	Overall programme status update	Prof Kieran Sheahan
10.45	Implementation issues and Evaluation Questionnaire results	Dr Niall Swan
11.10	Update on IT solution implementation	Mr Brian Dunne. HSE ICT
11.35	Discussion, Questions and Answers.	
	Guidelines: practical presentations & discussion	Convenor Prof Kieran Sheahan
12.00	1.1 Hospital Workload 1.2.7 Laboratory based Nonconformances 1.2.8 Laboratory based External Quality Assessments	Ms Miriam Horan St James's Hospital
12.20	1.2.1 Interinstitutional Consultation 1.2.2 Intradepartmental Consultation 1.2.11 Reports communicated directly to clinician by pathologist	Dr Gerry O'Dowd Letterkenny General Hospital
12.40	1.2.4 Cytological/Histological correlation and follow up	Dr Julie McCarthy Cork University Hospital
13.00	Lunch	
14.00	Guidelines: practical presentations & discussion	Convenor Dr Julie McCarthy
14.00	1.2.9 Turnaround Time 1.2.10 Addendum reports 1.2.3 Correlation of frozen section with final diagnosis	Dr Michele Harrison Mater Public and Private
14.20	1.2.6 Multidisciplinary Team Review 1.2.5 Retrospective review	Ms Frances Devlin University Hospital Galway
14.40	Autopsy	Dr Michael McDermott Our Lady's Children's Hospital
15.00	Discussion, Questions and Answers.	
15.20	Wrap up & next steps	Dr Niall Swan
15.30	Finish	

CPD Accreditation

- National Histopathology QA Programme Workshop
 - *Approved for 4 CPD credits*
- Please ensure you sign attendance register



Histopathology QA Programme Update



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Progress

Achieved

- National QA Guidelines in Histopathology developed and released
- Guidelines implemented in all 35 participating Laboratories
- Laboratories conducting Clinical Audit & QA and capturing QA data
- QA data captured in Laboratory Information Systems
- Central database developed for QA data storage, analysis & reporting
- 1 pilot site live and generating QA reports

In Progress

- IT solution has been developed for extraction, encryption & transfer of QA data to central database
- Currently rolling out IT solutions to 4 pilot sites – remaining sites will follow
- QA reports will be accessible locally in all laboratories from Q2 2012
- National Q marks will be set when sufficient real data has been collected



Proposal for Practical Implementation subgroup

- Address some of the issues that have arisen during the implementation phase e.g:
 - Challenges of benchmarking
 - Coding problems
 - Standardisation
- Proposed composition of group:
 - 5/6 members
 - Pathologists
 - Senior Medical Scientists
 - Remit & Terms of reference to be defined



What do you think?

- Group will have defined:
 - Terms of reference
 - Clear governance structure
- What are your views on this proposed implementation subgroup ?
- Questionnaire results will be presented

