

## ANATOMIC PATHOLOGY

**Credit:** Selective C or Elective

**Location:** LAC + USC Medical Center

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Applications will be accepted beginning February 1st of Year III on a first-come, first-serve basis

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**COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

Students will be able to:

1. Evaluate provided data in a specimen received in surgical pathology to ensure that the specimen is properly identified.
2. Instruct clinicians regarding different methods of fixation of tissues and the advantages and disadvantages of these.
3. Instruct clinicians regarding the use of routine and rush specimens in the department and know the method of handling rush specimens.
4. Cut tissues appropriate for loading into cassettes, with particular reference to thickness of individual specimens and number of specimens.
5. Prevent inter specimen contamination of tissues at the time of grossing in.
6. Process biopsy specimens that are of small size, with special reference to techniques available to orient specific specimens such as skin biopsies and jejunal biopsies and proper dictation techniques.
7. Observe and assist on stat frozen sections.
8. Recognize microscopic characteristics of common lesions encountered regularly in surgical pathology.
9. Describe the utility of special stains, immunohistochemical studies and electron microscopy with special reference to their role in surgical pathologic diagnosis.

**REPORT TO:** GNH 16-641 at 8:00 a.m.

**PREREQUISITES:** Year II Pathology course

**DURATION:** 3, 4 or 6 weeks

\* Students who schedule 3 or 4 week clerkship will spend their entire rotation in surgical pathology or cytology, not both. Students who are enrolled for 6 weeks will spend three weeks in surgical pathology and three weeks in cytology.

**DATES OFFERED:** All Year

**Rotations are scheduled:** To begin any Monday

**NUMBER OF STUDENTS:** Variable

**VISITING STUDENTS:** No

**DESCRIPTION:**

Under close supervision by the staff and residents of the service, patients are evaluated in the admitting area and walk-in clinic. Experience is gained in diagnosis, treatment and disposition of many emergency psychiatric problems. The student is also expected to participate in departmental and divisional conferences and seminars. Daily schedule is flexible and to be arranged with preceptor. There is no fixed weekly schedule, but students are expected to be available during working hours.

**EVALUATION:**

No formal written or oral tests given. Student's performance is assessed by the faculty who work with them as for their effort, proficiency and behavior. All the staff will evaluate the individual student and the preceptor will summarize the overall performance in the student evaluation form. Students who have problems will be counseled as needed.

**\*Selective Attendance and Illness Policy**

In order to insure adequate clinical exposure, no more than 3 days of excused absences (to include official Holidays) can be accepted during a selective. This policy does not imply that absences are guaranteed; absences may be excused at the discretion of the faculty. Absence due to illness must be reported to the faculty or his/her designee as soon as possible. In case of extended absence (2 days or more), a note from a physician (who is not a relative) is required and the absence will be reported to the Office of Student Affairs. A physician note may be requested for any absence, at the discretion of the faculty.

Students will generally be required to make up days before a passing grade can be assigned. All absences must be excused and any planned absence must be registered with the preceptor prior to the first day of the selective. Students should take vacation time if he/she anticipates a need for more than 3 absences during a selective. USMLE and BLS/ACLS will not be considered excused absences.