ACGME Program Requirements for Graduate Medical Education  
in Pathology  
Summary and Impact of Focused Requirement Revisions

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II.B.6. There must be a faculty member designated as Autopsy Service Director, to manage the autopsy service within the institution. The Autopsy Service Director provides and oversees resident training in the performance of an autopsy, including gathering of information prior to an autopsy, examination and evisceration of the body, interpretation of findings, composition of a report, and communication of findings to treating physicians and at conferences. (Core)

1. Describe the Review Committee’s rationale for this revision:  
   In 2016, the Association of Pathology Chairs (APC) published the results of its three-year study on the role of autopsy in pathology residency training. The ACGME Review Committee for Pathology had an opportunity to review this report and agreed with the APC’s Autopsy Working Group findings that training programs require an autopsy service director with defined responsibilities, and agreed with its other findings that autopsy should remain a program requirement for anatomic pathology graduate medical education.

2. How will the proposed requirement or revision improve resident/fellow education, patient safety, and/or patient care quality?  
   The Autopsy Service Director serves as primary liaison for internal and external questions and challenges regarding autopsies within the program, and provides hands-on teaching to residents on the performance of an autopsy.

3. How will the proposed requirement or revision impact continuity of patient care? N/A

4. Will the proposed requirement or revision necessitate additional institutional resources (e.g., facilities, organization of other services, addition of faculty members, financial support; volume and variety of patients), if so, how?  
   The proposed requirement will necessitate that anatomic pathology programs, if they have not already done so, identify a qualified faculty member to serve as Autopsy Service Director.

5. How will the proposed revision impact other accredited programs? N/A