

Frequently Asked Questions on How to Report Anatomic Pathology/Neuropathology Resident/Fellow Status in the Accreditation Data System (ADS) Review Committee for Pathology

What is the anatomic pathology/neuropathology track?

The American Board of Pathology offers the anatomic pathology/neuropathology certification track, in which residents can complete two years of anatomic pathology education, then two years of neuropathology education, and be eligible for certification in both specialties upon completion of four years of education and training. While this is a single certification pathway offered by the certifying board, it still comprises two separate ACGME-accredited programs and therefore, two separate program profiles in ADS.

How does this affect Case Log reporting?

Any resident completing anatomic pathology education, including those in the anatomic pathology/neuropathology track, must complete and log at least 30 autopsies. Since this is a requirement for the anatomic pathology and clinical pathology program, programs must ensure that residents log these autopsies in the ACGME Case Log System while active in the anatomic pathology and clinical pathology program and not the neuropathology program. Anatomic pathology and clinical pathology programs are ultimately responsible for ensuring that all residents completing anatomic pathology education have logged the required autopsies; failure to do so could result in feedback from the Review Committee in the form of an Area for Improvement or citation.

How should programs report the status of residents/fellows in this track?

The Review Committee recommends that programs use the reporting structure outlined in the table below to ensure residents can amend/edit their reported autopsies in the Case Log System if necessary once they have completed the anatomic pathology/neuropathology program. Anatomic pathology and clinical pathology programs should report residents' specialty track in ADS as "anatomic pathology/neuropathology track."

Using this reporting structure will allow the anatomic pathology and clinical pathology program to briefly change the resident's status back to "Active Full-time" before marking the resident as "Completed All Accredited Training." This will allow residents to ensure that their autopsies reported in the Case Log System are correct and complete.

Year	Pathology (Four-Year Program)	Neuropathology (Two-Year Program)
PGY-1	Active Full-time (Year 1)	
PGY-2	Active Full-time (Year 2)	
PGY-3	In Program but Doing Other Research/Training (Year 3)	Active Full-time (Year 1)
PGY-4	In Program but Doing Other Research/Training (Year 4)	Active Full-time (Year 2)
Final Status	<i>Completed All Accredited Training (for this specialty) - successfully promoted</i>	<i>Completed All Accredited Training (for this specialty) - successfully promoted</i>