

Interpretive Diagnostic Error Reduction: Guideline Update

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Statements and Strengths of Recommendations

Recommendation Statements	Strength of Recommendation
1. Anatomic pathologists should develop procedures for review of pathology cases to detect disagreements and potential interpretive errors, and to improve patient care.	Strong
2. Anatomic pathologists should perform case reviews in a timely manner to have a positive impact on patient care.	Strong

Good Practice Statements
3. Anatomic pathologists should have documented case review procedures that are relevant to their practice setting.
4. Anatomic pathologists should periodically monitor and document the results of case review.
5. If pathology case reviews show poor agreement within a defined area, anatomic pathologists should take steps to improve agreement.
6. When there is poor agreement in grading, anatomic pathologists should use established clinically relevant (published) morphologic grading criteria that often have fewer tiers, but focus on clinically relevant cut points.