

Guideline

Subject: **Anatomical Pathology Assessors during NATA/RCPA and IANZ Site Visits**
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1. NATA/RCPA and IANZ assessors should foremost be checking that processes are in place to ensure pathologists are involved in appropriate EQA and IQA activities, and that appropriate support/back-up/consultation arrangements are in place, particularly for junior/isolated pathologists.
2. NATA/RCPA and IANZ assessors should not be seeking to assess diagnostic competence of pathologists through the evaluation of diagnostic reporting of a cohort of slides/cases during the assessment.
3. If genuine concerns are raised regarding pathologist diagnostic competence, NATA and IANZ will refer concerns to RCPA.
4. The RCPA has a standard process to be followed in such circumstances that involves input from pathologists in the relevant discipline/ sub discipline.