

Changes to the Anatomical Pathology Trainee Handbook for 2019

Autopsy experience and assessment is no longer required for Fellowship and references to autopsy requirements have been removed from many places in the Handbook. However, trainees who wish to avail themselves of opportunities to observe and/or participate in autopsies during training should record these opportunities on the Autopsy consultant sign off form in Appendix 6 or on the e-Log and also in the e-log and portfolio summary spreadsheet. These records may be useful when applying later for the RCPA Autopsy Certificate.

Page	Change or clarification
	Molecular pathology is now specifically emphasised at many points in the handbook
2	Note reference to RCPA Guideline on service and educational activities for trainees in Anatomical Pathology
7	Note reference to trainees who apply to sit exams with insufficient accredited training time.
7-8	New outcomes related to genomics/molecular techniques
23	Clarification: the content of Part I examinations includes interpretation of findings from molecular pathology and other ancillary techniques.
23, 25	The word “essay-type” has been removed from the description of the Part 1 written paper. It has not been an accurate description of the format for some time. The paper usually consists of 5 multi-part questions, each part requiring answers of 1-2 pages of writing.
27	Clarification: the content of Part II oral examinations will include emergent technologies, such as molecular/genomic techniques
27	Special consideration for candidates in their final year of training. There is no change, simply a clarification of the circumstances under which candidates may be offered a repeat examination.
27	Examination exemption guidelines for unsuccessful Part II candidates. Deletion of the sentence “At the discretion of the chief examiner, candidates re-presenting for the slide exam may also be required to re-present for the oral exam.”
34	PPD: note the requirement that at least one PPD item must include molecular/genetic pathology.
41	You may use the RCPA AP e-Log to record cases instead of the paper forms in appendix 8. Alternatively, you may use an e-log that you have devised yourself, provided it records sufficient information to enable your supervisor to verify your involvement.