

Surgical Pathology QA Scoring Form

Case ID# _____

Description	Guidelines	Deduction
A. Demographic info/history.		
A1. There is insufficient demographic information, history, or clinical findings on the report to support the pathologic diagnosis given.	Deduct 1 to 5	
B. Gross description		
B1. The gross description contains insufficient data	Deduct 1 to 3 if only minor, clinically insignificant data are omitted Deduct 4 to 6 if major data are omitted, but there is little or no effect on the accuracy of the pathologic diagnosis or loss of data useful in clinical handling of the case. Deduct 7 to 10 if major data are omitted, affecting the accuracy of the pathologic diagnosis or compromising the clinical handling of the case.	
B2. Usefulness of the gross description is compromised by poor written communication.	Deduct 1 to 5	
C. Microscopic description		
C1. Microscopic description is omitted in favor of wordy, nonspecific diagnosis	Deduct 1 to 3	
C2. The microscopic description contains inaccuracies or significant omissions	Deduct 1 to 5 if microscopic description (if present) contains substantive errors which do not affect the clinical handling of the case Deduct 6 to 10 if microscopic description (if present) contains errors which may affect the clinical handling of the case	
C3. Usefulness of the microscopic description is compromised by poor written communication.	Deduct 1 to 5	
D. Comment		
D1. Comment is omitted in favor of wordy, nonspecific diagnosis	Deduct 1 to 3	
D2. Comment is omitted when diagnosis could be easily misinterpreted or misapplied without context provided by comment.	Deduct 1 to 5	
D3. Comment contains substantial inaccuracies which may have clinical significance.	Deduct 5 to 10	
D4. Usefulness of the comment is compromised by poor written communication.	Deduct 1 to 5	
E. Pathologic diagnosis		
E1. Pathologic diagnosis is inaccurate or contains substantial omissions	Deduct 21 to 30 if diagnosis contains substantial errors which may affect clinical handling of the case Deduct 11 to 20 if diagnosis contains substantial errors which are unlikely to affect clinical handling of the case Deduct 5 to 10 if diagnosis contains minor errors of no clinical or nosological significance	
E2. Usefulness of the diagnosis is compromised by poor written communication.	Deduct 1 to 5	

Total deductions _____

Reviewer's initials/date _____

Note to reviewer: Please describe reasons for all deductions on back of this form.