Anatomical Pathology

Objective
The overall goal of the elective in anatomical pathology is to familiarize medical students with the practice, setting and function of anatomical pathology. The elective is designed primarily for those medical students who are interested in a possible career in pathology and would like more information about pathology and an opportunity to observe the practice of pathology. Specific objectives are as follows: - To become familiar with the operations of anatomical pathology including gross and microscopic techniques, frozen sections and autopsies; - To enhance the student's knowledge of the pathology of disease; - To understand the roles of various pathologists as members of the health care team; and - To assess their interest in pathology as a specialty.

Description
While in AP, students will observe and participate in all aspects of surgical pathology including grossing and histological assessment of surgical specimens, frozen sections, and autopsies. The level of involvement will depend on experience and aptitude. Students will be supervised by residents, fellows and staff pathologists. Students will participate in the daily surgical pathology conferences and attend academic half-days.