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NATA adoption of the RCPA Position Statement on *Reporting of Histopathology and Non-Gynaecological Cytopathology Specimens outside the Laboratory*

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1. Introduction

This annex adopts the position statement published by the Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia (RCPA) for **Reporting of Histopathology and Non-Gynaecological Cytopathology Specimens outside the Laboratory**

<http://www.rcpa.edu.au/getattachment/cc62b7ce-9775-41fb-811a-6fa69fd5b15c/Reporting-of-Histopathology-and-Non-Gynaecological.aspx>

Accredited or Applicant facilities to ISO 15189 *Medical Laboratories - Requirements for quality and competence* must ensure compliance with this annex from the date of publication.

2. Background

In June 2014 the RCPA updated its position statement for *Reporting of Histopathology and Non-Gynaecological Cytopathology Specimens outside the Laboratory*.

The RCPA position statement includes details of off-site activities that must be reviewed when reporting occurs outside the laboratory.

3. Policy

NATA has adopted the requirements of the RCPA position statement.

This policy shall apply from March 2015 to all facilities accredited to ISO 15189 *Medical Laboratories - Requirements for quality and competence*.

4. Further Information

Any questions regarding this annex may be directed to Mr Andrew Griffin, Sector Manager - Legal and Clinical Services in the NATA Melbourne Office on (03) 9274 8200, or by email at Andrew.Griffin@nata.com.au

Any questions regarding the RCPA Position Statement on *Reporting of Histopathology and Non-Gynaecological Cytopathology Specimens outside the Laboratory* should be directed to the RCPA.

AMENDMENTS

The table below provides a summary of changes made to the document with this issue.

Section	Amendment
New Document	This document represents a direct adoption of the former Technical Circular 23.