

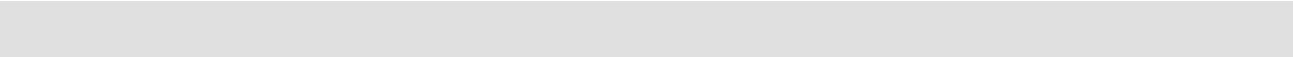


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### **Human Pathology**

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

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

## **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](mailto: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.

<b>Section</b>	<b>Amendment</b>
New Document	This document represents a direct adoption of the former Technical Circular 23.
All	Security Classification Label added