



Specific Accreditation Criteria Human Pathology ISO 15189 Annex

**NATA adoption of the RCPA Policy on
Reporting of Anatomical Pathology Specimens
outside the Laboratory**

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1. Purpose

This annex adopts the updated policy published in June 2024 by the Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia (RCPA) for **Reporting of Anatomical Pathology Specimens outside the Laboratory**

<https://www.rcpa.edu.au/getattachment/e45653e3-ef73-466d-b925-6fb5cdad35bd/Reporting-of-Anatomical-Pathology-Specimens-outsid.aspx>

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

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

2. Policy

NATA has adopted the requirements of the RCPA policy.

This annex shall apply from 1 October 2024 to all facilities reporting anatomical pathology accredited to ISO 15189 *Medical Laboratories - Requirements for quality and competence* and the relevant NPAAC requirements.

3. 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 Policy for Reporting of Anatomical Pathology Specimens outside the Laboratory should be directed to the RCPA.

Amendment table

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

Section or Clause	Amendment
All	Adoption of updated RCPA Policy