

# College of American Pathologists / Association of Directors of Anatomic and Surgical Pathology



## Interpretive Diagnostic Error Reduction in Surgical Pathology and Cytology

### Summary of Recommendations

Guideline Statement	Strength of Recommendation
1. Anatomic pathologists should develop procedures for review of pathology cases in order to detect disagreements and potential interpretive errors, and to improve patient care.	Recommendation
2. Anatomic pathologists should perform case reviews in a timely manner to have a positive impact on patient care.	Recommendation
3. Anatomic pathologists should have documented case review procedures that are relevant to their practice setting.	Expert Consensus Opinion
4. Anatomic pathologists should continuously monitor and document the results of case review.	Expert Consensus Opinion
5. If pathology case reviews show poor agreement within a defined area, anatomic pathologists should take steps to improve agreement.	Expert Consensus Opinion

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