


Job Evaluation Rating Documentation

CUPE, SEIU, SGEU, SAHO 	Job Title <u>Histopathology Assistant</u> Date _____ Revised Date <u>2004</u> Revised Date <u>New</u>	Code <u>315</u>
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Decision Making Under the direction of a pathologist assists in the performance of autopsies within clearly prescribed practices. Makes minor decisions in the autopsy process.	Degree <u>2.0</u>
Education Grade 12.	<u>2.0</u>
Experience Twenty-four (24) months previous experience as a Histopathology Attendant. Six (6) months on the job to gain the ability to recognize normal/abnormal variations of surgical tissues, to learn gross descriptions, and become familiar with region/facility/department policies and procedures.	<u>6.0</u>
Independent Judgement Performs and describes gross dissection in accordance with standard practice or established procedures. Assists in the performance of autopsies utilizing established methods. Resolves minor operating problems associated with preparing the body for viewing. Seeks direction from the pathologist when encountering unusual specimens.	<u>3.0</u>
Working Relationships Requires courtesy and tact when dealing with pathologists, fellow employees and funeral homes.	<u>2.0</u>

Impact of Action	Degree
Assists the pathologist in the performance of autopsies and processing specimens to meet quality and service requirements. Inadequately prepared bodies may cause emotional discomfort to families. Inadequate storage/disposal of chemicals may cause minor discomfort to other staff. Misjudgement in assessing and sectioning specimens may result in misdiagnosis which may cause serious injury/discomfort to patients.	<u>2.5</u>
Leadership and/or Supervision Provides orientation/functional guidance to co-workers and trainees.	<u>2.0</u>
Physical Demands Frequent cumulative physical effort standing and lifting while moving chemicals/supplies, cleaning, and working in awkward positions while sectioning specimens and assisting with autopsies.	<u>3.0</u>
Sensory Demands Regular sensory effort while sectioning specimens, assisting with autopsies, mixing solutions, computer operation and listening to instructions from pathologists involving precision work. Periods of competing multiple sensory demands when sectioning and describing specimens.	<u>2.5</u>
Environment Frequent exposure to major disagreeable conditions such as blood/body fluids, chemicals, infectious disease, sharps, and unpredictable weights.	<u>5.0</u>