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Diagnostic Standardization – Results of an ADASP Survey

I have no disclosures



Thank you for your responses

- 248 emails send (25 undeliverable emails)
- 10% (22) started/completed responses



Survey – All academic practices

- 15 Primary academic center of a multi-hospital system
- 6 Single hospital academic center
- 1 Academic government (county) hospital in a multi-hospital government (county) system



Survey – All academic practices

#	Signout practice model for surgical pathology (SP)	SP volume
2	General practice model includes pathologists only practicing general Surgical Pathology (SP)/Anatomic Pathology (AP)	20,000-25,000
2	Hybrid includes practicing general SP/AP plus a subspecialty	7,500-20,000
1 6	Multiple subspecialties includes pathologists practicing more than 1 anatomic subspecialty	10,939-171,143
1	Single subspecialty includes pathologists practicing only 1 AP subspecialty	190,000



Survey - Systems

- **Electronic medical record (EMR)**
 - 18 Epic, 3 others (Allscript, Cerner, non-commercial)
- **Laboratory information system (LIS)**
 - 5 Beaker, 8 Cerner CoPath Plus/3 Cerner Millennium Path Net, 4 SoftLab, 1 Sunquest
 - **Change?** 4 yes (3 to Beaker)



Survey – Flow of data traffic

Incoming EMR to LIS electronic transfer

- 15 yes vs **6 no** (**5 manual entry** and 1 barcoder reader autopopulation)
- Messaging protocol/format
 - 6 HL7 version 2 vs 9 I don't know

Outgoing LIS to EMR electronic transfer

- 17 yes vs **1 no**
- Messaging protocol/format
 - 6 HL7 version 2 vs 8 I don't know



CAP synoptics

13 without modifications vs 5 with modifications

Data element

- 6 structured vs 3 semistructured vs 6 unstructured
- **9 synoptic with drop down menu** vs 8 synoptic with free text vs 1 narrative

	Structured	Unstructured
CAP synoptic	5	8
Diagnosis	4	9
pTMN	5	7

Information about discrete level data at level of slide

- **17 no** vs 1 yes at least one representative slide with that feature



Pathology data use cases

- 8 Quality improvement
- 7 Cancer registry
- 3 Artificial intelligence
 - Have unstructured data elements



Scanning digital slides?

- 9 no
- 8 yes (number of slides scanned depends on case and purpose)
 - 7 Tumor board presentation
 - 7 Intraoperative diagnosis/frozen section
 - 5 Consultation within institution
 - 1 Primary diagnosis
 - 1 IHC reporting



Comments about pathology reports

- 3 **More structured data** (by those that do not provide it now)
- 2 **Standardized** reporting for top line diagnosis (remove local jargon, understand significance between suggestive of, consistent with, diagnostic of)
- 2 good, no issues
- 1 Subspecialty directors should QC or tracer reports to assure quality and **standardization**
- 1 **More templates**
- 1 User friendly synoptic reporting





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