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§493.1274 Standard: Cytology

(e)(2) The report of gynecologic slide preparations with conditions specified in paragraph (e)(1) of this section must be signed to reflect the technical supervisory review or, if a computer report is generated with signature, it must reflect an electronic signature authorized by the technical supervisor who performed the review.

Interpretive Guidelines §493.1274(e)(2)

The laboratory must ensure that the technical supervisor is the only individual to release his or her electronic signature for reports requiring technical supervisory review.

If an electronic signature is used, the laboratory must ensure that the system is protected from use by unauthorized individuals.

If the technical supervisor who performed the examination and diagnosis is not available

to sign the report, an individual, also qualified as a technical supervisor in Cytology, must reexamine and confirm the findings prior to signing the report.