

## **D5653**

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### **§493.1274 Standard: Cytology**

**(e)(3) All nongynecologic preparations are reviewed by a technical supervisor. The report must be signed to reflect 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)(3)**

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; and
- Reviews all nongynecologic cytological preparations.

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.