

BSCC Abstract Template

Lecture Title:	Tissue pathways for exfoliative cytology and FNA.
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Abstract	<p>These two documents were produced as a result of close collaboration between the RCPATH and BSCC. The RCPATH Tissue pathways incorporate the BSCC codes of practice and provide guidance on specimen collection, preparation and reporting of various cytological specimens.</p> <p>The reliability of cytological diagnoses depends on the quality of the specimen provided and the quality of the preparations produced. Medical and scientific teamwork is essential to establish an effective cytology service and staffing levels should be sufficient to support preparation, pre-screening and reporting of samples. Routine clinical audit and histology-cytology correlation should be in place for quality control of a cytology service. Laboratories should have an effective quality management system conforming to the requirements of an accreditation scheme.</p> <p>There has in the past been a high degree of variation in the ways in which diagnostic cytology samples are received and processed, with adverse effects on quality as a result. These documents aim to redress these issues. Areas which were debated, and the reasons for decisions which were made, will be discussed.</p>
Take home message(s)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The recommendations of the RCPATH for specimen preparation of exfoliative cytology and FNA will be discussed. 2. These recommendations take into account the BSCC code of Practice documents. 3. Adoption of the standards published should improve quality

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Declaration of interest	None