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Fine Needle Aspirates (FNAs):

Experience in performing FNAs is gained through various routes:

1. When residents are on the surgical pathology service they can practice doing FNAs on fresh surgical specimens. They can also do touch preps. The resident must arrange this with the pathology attending.
2. When residents are on autopsy, they can practice doing FNAs. The resident must arrange this with the pathology attending.
3. When on the cytopathology service, the residents can perform FNAs, typically under the guidance of the Cytopathology Fellow or Attending. When the lab is called for a FNA, the cytotech can contact the resident (resident must arrange this with the Shands cytotechnologist). Dr. Massoll has extensive FNA experience and should be contacted while the resident is on cytopathology in order to obtain FNA experience.
4. In the past, Michael Clare-Salzler,MD has also been a faculty member who performs thyroid FNAs.

To monitor the residents progress in this training, residents are required to record their participation in these procedures on the ACGME Case Log System. These records will be monitored by the Program Director and noted on the six-month evaluation letters. Progress will be noted during their 6-month review by faculty and the program director and will be reported yearly to the Director of Anatomic Pathology and the Residency Training Committee. Residents should be competent to perform FNA's (note that there is no specific ACGME requirement for total number of FNA's) prior to acquiring the program director's signature for the resident's ABP application.