

**MIDLAND MEMORIAL HOSPITAL ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS
GUIDELINES FOR PERFORMING AS A
PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT**

I. DEFINITION

The Pathology Assistant assists and practices under the direction/supervision of his/her Pathologist.

II. QUALIFICATIONS

A Pathology Assistant must meet the following qualifications to be considered for appointment to the Allied Health Professional staff:

- Masters of Science degree.
- Certified by examination by the American Society for Clinical Pathologists (AAPA).
- Current TB screening (required upon initial application and at reappointment), and if applicable, one-time mask fit-testing.
- Basic Cardiac Life Support (minimum).
- Professional liability/malpractice insurance coverage issued by a recognized company and a type and in an amount equal to or greater than the limits established by the governing board.

III. DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES

The following are duties the Pathology Assistant may perform under the direction of a pathologist:

- Perform gross examination of tissue on surgical and autopsy specimens
- Order additional diagnostic testing on surgical and autopsy specimens
- Obtain patient histories
- Formulate a preliminary post-mortem diagnosis

IV. ORIENTATION

These Allied Health Professionals must be oriented to Midland Memorial Hospital's policies and procedures of the department or unit to which they will be primarily assigned and complete the MMH Allied Health Professionals orientation.

Practitioner's Printed Name

Supervising Physician's Printed Name

Practitioner's Signature

Supervising Physician's Signature

Section Chief / Department Chair

Date