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ACGME Competencies  
Systems Based Practice Exercise: Risk Management

The goal of this exercise is to review each hospital's system for labs/xrays/biopsies to identify areas of risk and review safeguards for the system (i.e. personal bx book, clinic biopsy book, etc.)

Each resident is assigned one or two topics to research. The review should be detailed (Who fills in the path requisition? How is the biopsy accessioned? Who is contacted with the results? Are paper reports generated? Does the attending and resident get reports? Is there a "clinic biopsy book" that someone other than you is reviewing? Is follow-up/patient contact documented somehow?)

This exercise should not take more than 30 minutes.

Each resident should come to the session prepared to briefly review your system/s. You may make a few power point slides or write a paragraph. The information compiled will be distributed as a handout for all of the residents. Information should be submitted to the Chief Resident(s) and/or Chief Resident for Education (as predetermined).

On the day of the meeting, a Risk Management specialist is invited to participate. Each process listed is reviewed. Residents are encouraged to provide information on cases that they would consider as poor quality or "near misses. Time will be made available to discuss risk prevention in these situations.