

CONSENSUS REPORT

Histopathological reporting of breast biopsies and mastectomies for carcinoma of the breast

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A consensus on the prognostic parameters to be included into histopathology reports of breast carcinoma was reached at the "Workshop on Breast Cancer Pathology," jointly organised by the Malaysian Society of Pathologists and the Department of Pathology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Malaya on 24-25 October 1994.

It was agreed that the following items should be present in the report:

A. Gross description

- Type of specimen
- Weight (biopsy only)
- Size of specimen
- Size of lesion(s)
- Description of lesion(s)
- Whether any margin is grossly involved
- Distance of lesion from nearest margin
- Number and appearance of lymph nodes

B. Histology

- Size of carcinoma
- Histological type
- Histological grade
- Vascular invasion
- Status of margins
- Status of nipple
- Presence and nature of associated lesions
- Presence of DCIS: if present then state amount, type & grade
- Status of lymph nodes: No. involved/No. sampled
- ER/PR status