

PS3. Laboratory ethics

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- WASPaLM is an entity that gathers 40,000 doctors of laboratory medicine all over world; its aim is to promote ethical performance of our medical specialty, of the population health, and dignity of medical work.
- Five principles have been generally agreed as fundamental: autonomy, beneficence, non-maleficence, justice and honesty in all professional interaction
- Relationship between pathologist and patient: Collection of specimen;
- Performance of tests: All tests must be carried out to an appropriate standard with internal/external quality control. Accreditation programs should be encouraged;
- Results must be supplied as medical reports signed by the responsible doctor.
- Laboratory is responsible for: Turnaround time, consultation and discussion of results.
- Work conditions: Doctors should have good work conditions and be well paid;
- Ethics and company;
- Ethics concerning medical secrecy:
- The relations with Clinical Pathologist and other professionals must be based on mutual respect and freedom.
- AIDS and medical ethic: Whenever there is a positive result, contact the doctor who required the exam giving him result previously.
- About research: Doctors shouldn't use human being for researching without his written agreement.
- Donation of gametes: It should never have profitable or commercial character.
- Paternity test: Privacy and family unit must be respected.
- Behavior: Build a professional reputation based on integrity and skill – Recognize that your personal behavior may affect your reputation and your performance refrain from making comments, which may needlessly damage the reputation of a colleague.