

## CORRIGENDA

### Requirements for the Retention of Laboratory Records and Diagnostic Material (Sixth Edition 2013)

Description of the correction:

Incorrect footnotes in table titled “**Table 2 Minimum retention times for anatomical pathology**”. Table is located under *Discipline Variation* on page 6. The correction is underlined within the revised Table below.

#### **Table 2 Minimum retention times for anatomical pathology**

Please refer to Table 1 (General minimum retention times) for both record and material retention times, unless otherwise specified below.

|     | <b>Record/material</b>  | <b>Minimum retention time</b>   |
|-----|---|---|
| 2.1 | Slides:<br>Sections of fixed tissue preserved in mounting medium<br><br>Sections of unfixed tissue not in permanent mounting medium (including immunofluorescence slides)   | 10 years <sup>††</sup><br><br>See General 1.6   |
| 2.2 | Blocks of tissue embedded in paraffin wax or any other permanent embedding medium   | 10 years <sup>††</sup>  |
| 2.3 | Specimens for intra-operative frozen section diagnosis:<br><br>(i) The original section(s) used for diagnosis, preserved in permanent mounting medium<br><br>(ii) Residual tissue from which the sections in (i) were prepared, embedded in paraffin<br><br>(iii) All other blocks of paraffin-embedded tissue from the same Specimen or Specimens from which tissue has been selected for frozen section examination | 10 years <sup>††</sup>  |
| 2.4 | Frozen tissue blocks, including Specimen for immunofluorescence studies   | 1 month at -70°C or lower   |
| 2.5 | (i) Containers with no residual tissue<br>(ii) Unblocked tissue from Specimens removed at surgery<br><br>(iii) Unblocked tissue from Specimens retained at autopsy  | 1 month<br><br>1 month from date of issue of Specimen report<br><br>3 months after autopsy unless a limitation is imposed, such as the need to reunite retained Specimens with the body before a funeral has been stipulated by next-of-kin |
| 2.6 | Autopsy — registers, report duplicate, blocks and slides, records of tissue and organ disposal  | 10 years for autopsy other than forensic or other medico-legal autopsy  |
| 2.7 | Forensic and medico-legal   | In accordance with jurisdiction requirement or 20 years if not specified  |

<sup>††</sup> Where the report pertains to a Specimen collected from a paediatric patient, see page 3 indicating retention until the person reaches the age of 25, except for genetics, where the retention time is 100 years.