

**Cytopathology Second Pathologist Review, 2005-2010**

**Goal/Benchmark:**

2% of cytopathology cases reviewed by a second pathologist.

**Significance:**

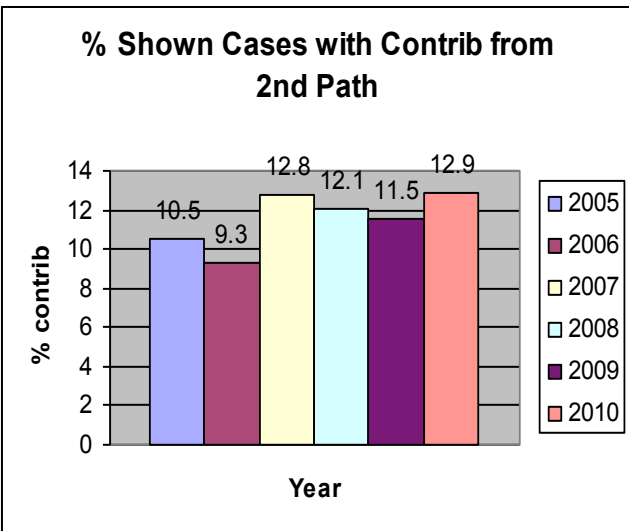
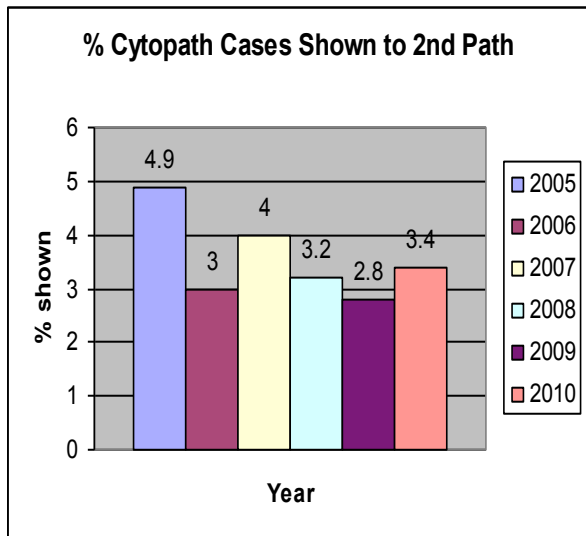
Review of interesting and/or difficult cases at by a second pathologist is an important method of error reduction.

**Action Plan/Follow-up:**

Continue to monitor rate of case review and rate of significant diagnostic contribution by the reviewing pathologist.

**Comment:**

This study is new for 2005. It replaces the previous surgical/cytopathology case conference study. We believe the new methodology is a superior means of reviewing proposed diagnoses before they are signed out.



\* “% contrib” is percent of shown cases where the second (reviewing) pathologist made a significant contribution to the final diagnosis.

Year	N	% shown	% contrib
2005	3477	4.9	10.5
2006	5383	3.0	9.3
2007	5288	4.0	12.8
2008	5997	3.2	12.1
2009	4576	2.8	11.5
2010	3428	3.4	12.9

