







Improving the Efficiency of Breast Multidisciplinary Team Meetings:

A Toolkit for Breast Services

Appendix 4: Pathology Pre-MDTM Preparation Survey

Pathologists were asked their views (n=144 respondents) via the Association of Breast Pathology, the Royal College of Pathologists and participating pathologists of the national EQA scheme.

Do Pathologists have time allocated in their job plans for MDTM preparation at your service?		
Yes	76%	
No	20%	
Not Certain	4%	

In your routine MDT preparation, what do you preview?	
Reports only	15%
Slides and Reports (biopsies only)	15%
Slides and reports (biopsies and resections)	55%
Slides and reports (resections only)	1%
Selectively as requested	10%
Nothing	4%

Why do you NOT preview slides from all cases (both biopsies and resections)?	
Don't think it is necessary	25%
Don't have time to do this	62%
Logistical issues (for example, MDT venue at a different site to the lab)	13%

If time was made available in your job plan and/or logistical issues overcome (for example with digital pathology), do you think it would be deemed good practice to review both slides and reports?

Yes 77%

No 33%