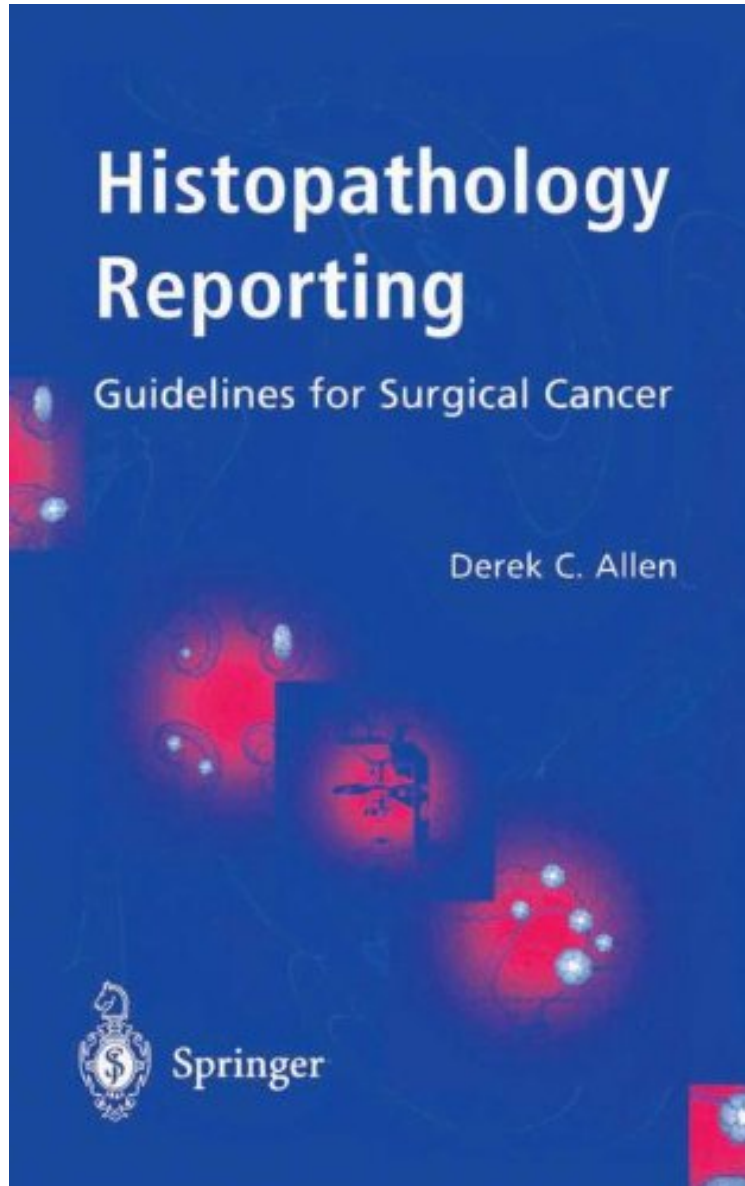


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Histopathology Reporting: Guidelines for Surgical Cancer provides an easily comprehensible and practicable framework for standardised histopathology reports in surgical cancer. The book details the gross description, histological classification, tumour differentiation, extent of local tumour spread, involvement of lymphovascular channels, lymph nodes and excision margins of the common carcinomas and also summarises non-carcinomatous malignancies. The 5th edition TNM classification of cancers is incorporated, with comments on any associated pathology, diagnostic clues and prognostic criteria. Staging information is supplemented visually by line diagrams. The aim of Histopathology Reporting: Guidelines for Surgical Cancer is to be educative and applied. The book: * emphasises those gross and histological features that are relevant to clinical management and prognosis. * uses a systematic and analytical approach to the description of surgical pathology specimens resulting in focused histopathology reports. * acts as a companion or aide-memoire for routine reporting of the common cancers and also lists diagnostic options and summary features of rarer cancers. * facilitates audit of specimen type and quality and gives guidance for pathological, surgical and oncological practice. Derek Allen is Honorary Senior Lecturer and Consultant in Histopathology and Cytology at the Belfast City Hospital, Belfast, UK

From reviews of the 1st edition: "... Derek Allen has set out to systematically collate all of the requirements necessary to formulate a comprehensive report for organ specific tumours across the whole range of malignant disease. This he achieves admirably. The result is a clear and concise handbook, which is very easy to use. ... a well-conceived and succinctly executed book." (Ashley Graham, ACP News. Spring 2002:40-41) "The author has provided an easy-to-understand framework for pathologists in their reporting of common surgical cancers. Tumours are grouped according to site and are dealt with in order of importance under the following headings: gross description, histological type, extent of local tumour spread, lymphovascular invasion, lymph nodes, excision margins, other pathology and other malignancy. As a pathologist I found this method useful, as it not only provides a step-by-step approach to the reporting of these cases, but also continually reminds one of the ever-increasing number of facts required to do this task correctly. This is of particular value to the generalist having to deal with tumours outside of his or her field of knowledge." (John Davies, South African Journal of Surgery. 2002;40(2):82) "With the advent of multi-disciplinary groups and the increased use of novel immunohistochemical and molecular techniques that provide more accurate information about prognosis and response to treatment, not only has histopathological reporting become increasingly more complex, but there is an increasing need to standardize reporting to enable the clinician to select appropriate treatment and recruit patients to randomized clinical trials. The publication of this book is therefore timely. It runs to almost 400 pages yet fits into the pocket of a white coat. This is an excellent book containing a wealth of information, clearly and thoughtfully laid out. It should appeal to a wide range of trainee and established clinicians and pathologists. No surgical unit dealing with the management of cancer and no department of pathology should be without a copy." (CS McArdle, Annals of Oncology. 2001;12:1194) "Whether or not you are a box ticker and welcome the advent of the minimal data set proformas, prefer entirely free text, but need prompting to ensure you include all the essential parameters or favour standard outline template reports into which you insert the details of each particular case, you will find this book helpful. The wealth of information the book contains certainly justifies the price and the author is to be congratulated for bringing together so much of practical relevance into such a handy volume." (Journal of Pathology. 2001;194(1):138-139) "The overall product is an extremely valuable guide to reporting cancers in histopathology laboratories. It is a particularly valuable resource in those sites where national organizations have not yet produced their own minimum data sets and guidelines. This book is the sort of invaluable reference that should be available in every histopathology laboratory and is likely to need regular replacement as it will experience accelerated wear due to the frequency with which it is referred to." (S Cross, Histopathology. 2001;38(3):276) From the Back Cover This second revised and updated edition provides an easily comprehensible and

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