



## Pathology Exclusions for Muscle Resection Specimens Policy Statement

Whereas some hospitals' bylaws stipulate that surgical specimens must be submitted for gross and microscopic pathological examination, and

Whereas the extraocular muscles are themselves histologically normal in almost all cases of comitant strabismus, and

Whereas the pathological examination of muscle resection specimens typically represents an unnecessary expense,

The American Association for Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus (AAPOS) Board of Directors endorses the inclusion of muscle resection specimens on the list of authorized exclusions from such requirement unless requested by the operating surgeon.

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