

PATHOLOGIST



Summary of profession

Pathologists are doctors who diagnose disease by examining cells and tissue samples, and sometimes performing autopsies.

Working hours, patterns and environments

Pathologists work up to 48 hours a week for a full-time post. This will include some evening and weekend work. They may also be on a Rota for out-of-hours emergency work. Pathologists are often based in a laboratory, clinic or hospital ward. They wear protective gear like safety goggles, a facemask, rubber boots and a lab coat especially if they work in a laboratory.

Education and skills

To become a pathologist, you will need four years of medical school, at least four years of residency (on-the-job training) in addition to a bachelor's degree.

Job and growth opportunities

The health care industry is expanding to serve a growing elderly population, so there will be a need for more pathologists.