2.3. Laboratory Management in Community Practice: Leadership is Action, not Position

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Pathologists function in various roles in hospital and other practice management settings. While the traditional role of a pathologist has been in the diagnostic realm of clinical and anatomical pathology, there is an increasing need for pathologists to embrace leadership not only in laboratory and anatomic pathology settings, but to recognize how they contribute to, and can direct overall hospital function. Laboratory directorship requires and utilizes a skill set that can be employed to transition to effective Hospital Leadership and to drive decision-making in Health Care. This presentation will describe the role of the Medical Director and explore how that required skill set can be developed and employed to contribute to overall Hospital and Health Care management.

Educational Objectives

By the end of the presentation, participants will be able to:

1. Describe the role of a Laboratory Director in-community practice setting
2. Discuss the utility of Pathologists in Hospital Leadership
3. Implement practices to augment the importance of Pathologists in decision making processes