

The Gold Standard[®] *Histology Module*

This software module manages the entire histology process from receiving a specimen to sending patient reports, to managing histology lab workflow and running quality assurance reports.

Other modules available for The Gold Standard[®] include Cytology, Imaging, Web Report Delivery, and Medical Billing. All Cortex products use the common look and feel of Windows applications, making them comfortable to work with and easy to understand.

Highlights of Features

- **Patient-Centric Case entry**—Complete patient information is only a click away with this *patient-centric* system. Allows easy access, data entry and maintenance of patient and case information with *unlimited number of cases per patient*, and multiple procedures and specimens per case. *Maintains patient history* and allows thousands of different sequences of accession counters for detailed specimen tracking. Automatically calculates age from birth date, and can record clinician's operative procedure, pre-operative and post-operative diagnosis.
- **Daily management reports**—Prints gross reports, accession logs, histotech instructions and work-in-progress logs.
- **Histology management**—Allows entry of information provided during the gross, produces histotech worklogs, prints customized labels and allows ordering of special stains.
- **Labels**—Prints customized labels for slides. Bar-coding available upon request.
- **Transcription**—Records pathologist who completed the gross, microscopic and diagnosis and frozen section diagnosis as well as two additional consultants per case. Using *Microsoft Word* as the word processor, allows unlimited amount of text for frozen section diagnosis, gross description, microscopic description, final diagnosis and diagnosis comments.
- **Final patient reports**—Pathology reports are customized with logos, signatures and other special formatting. Multiple copies of the report, are published securely via the Internet, fax or courier. One system option requires a pathologist to review and sign final reports electronically before reports are printed.
- **Monthly statistical reports**—Prints monthly case counts by case type, by clinician and by location.

- **Quality Assurance reports**—Prints a number of reports including cyto-histo correlation and histo-cyto correlation, frozen section/final diagnosis report for comparison, and quality assurance review form for concurrent or retrospective review of case by a second pathologist. Prints statistics on cases reviewed, exceptions and reviewer's comments. Turn-around time reports can be printed in detail or summary, displaying statistics for each pathologist.
- **Ad-hoc reports**—Allows you to customize reports based on your specifications.

The Gold Standard® puts you in control of your data, with the ability to tailor a wide range of reference files including: clinicians, codes, designators, locations, diagnostic messages, procedures, risk factors, specialties, specimens, staff, and system defaults.

Implementation and Training

Cortex leads the industry in fast, efficient implementations. No **"train-the-trainer"** concept for Cortex. We use our **expert implementation staff** to install the software and train each of your staff at your location. When the system goes live, we are there on-site to ensure a smooth

transition, and we schedule a follow-up visit approximately 30 to 60 days after you begin using the system to confirm that your staff understands how to use the system efficiently and to conduct training on the more advanced features of the system.

While the product implementation timing will vary according to the size of each laboratory and the complexity of the installation, Cortex often handles the entire process—from contract signing to **"go-live"—in 90 to 120 days.**

About Cortex

Headquartered in the heart of Seattle, Washington, Cortex is a medical software company providing anatomic pathology laboratories and the healthcare community with lab management and medical billing systems. With streamlined, hands-on implementation and personalized training and support, **Cortex provides software solutions** to our clients across the country that help them serve *their* customers and **meet their business objectives.**



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