Cytologist Interview Questions

1. Walk me through how you examine cell samples to detect abnormalities in the color, shape, or size of cellular components and patterns.

2. What is the most challenging part of providing patient clinical data or microscopic findings to assist pathologists in the preparation of pathology reports?

3. Describe an effective method to document specimens by verifying patients' and specimens' information.

4. Share an experience in which you successfully shared a difficult piece of information. (Make sure that the candidate has open lines of communication.)

5. Share an experience when you applied new technology or information in your job. How did it help your company?

6. Tell me about an experience in which you analyzed information and evaluated results to choose the best solution to a problem.

7. Share an effective approach to working with a large amount of information/data. How has your approach affected your company?

8. Share an example of a time you had to gather information from multiple sources. How did you determine which information was relevant?

9. Tell me how you maintain effective laboratory operations by adhering to standards of specimen collection, preparation, or laboratory safety.

10. What kind of experience do you have preparing and analyzing samples, such as Papanicolaou (PAP) smear body fluids and fine needle aspirations (FNAs), to detect abnormal conditions?

11. Share an experience in which your attention to detail and thoroughness had an impact on your last company.

12. Would you consider analyzing data or information a strength? How so?

13. Tell me how you organize, plan, and prioritize your work.

14. Share an example of when you went above and beyond the "call of duty". (Look for answers that show the candidate is dependable.)

15. How would you rate your writing skills? (Ask for an example that demonstrates great writing skills.)

16. Provide an example of a time when you were able to demonstrate excellent listening skills. What was the situation and outcome?

17. Share an experience you had in dealing with a difficult person and how you handled the situation.

18. Share a time when you successfully used scientific rules or methods to solve a problem at work.

19. Tell me about the last time you monitored or reviewed information and detected a problem. How did you respond?

20. Tell me about a time when you developed your own way of doing things or were self-motivated to finish an important task.