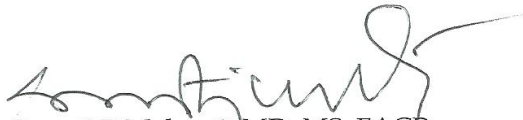


### **Institutional Review Board Statement**

University of Chicago Hospital (UCH) pathology database (June 1, 1995 to June 30, 2005) was reviewed retrospectively after obtaining approval by the institutional review board of the University of Chicago in 2005.

Sincerely,



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