## **Protocols**

A protocol is a set of instructions that the instrument uses to carry out a specific staining routine. Gemini AS comes pre-loaded with several commonly-used standard staining protocols which you can use to stain slides in your own laboratory. If you want to run specific staining routines, you can also create and save your own protocols. Each protocol can consist of up to 50 individual steps. The system allows up to 50 protocols to be created.

Protocols are managed from the Setup Protocols screen with options to create and copy protocols and define the required reagent steps. All protocols must begin with a load step and end with an unload step. Pre-stain, stain and post-stain steps are then defined in each protocol to move the slides through the required reagents.

## Note

If the Administrator has enabled access code protection, you will need to enter the correct PIN to gain access to the Setup Protocols screen. Refer to <u>Enabling Access Code Protection</u> for details.