

DATE:	2022 January 10
TO:	Royal Alexandra Hospital Surgical Staff
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RE:	Neuropathology After Hours Coverage for Intraoperative Consults at RAH

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Key Message

- In order to provide neurosurgeons with the appropriate resources for patient management, the Edmonton Zone Neuropathologists will begin providing after hours coverage of intraoperative consultations at the RAH (after hours includes 1700 to 0800 Monday to Friday, weekends and statutory holidays).
- After hours coverage of intraoperative consultations at the RAH does not include assistance by a laboratory technologist; while a smear preparation will be made, a frozen section cannot be guaranteed
- The on call neuropathologist will be available to come in person to the RAH to provide intraoperative consultations after regular working hours, but should receive ample notification, by the neurosurgeon, of this consultation prior to the specimen being obtained.
- This service is to begin on **January 10, 2022**.

Background

- Currently during regular working hours, the Edmonton Zone Neuropathologists are able to provide remote intraoperative consultation for neurosurgical cases at the RAH. This service however is not available after hours.
- Previously, in person after hours intraoperative consultations for neurosurgeons have been provided by the Regional On Call Pathologist.
- In order to provide continuous support to neurosurgeons, the on call Edmonton Zone Neuropathologist will be available after hours to provide in person intraoperative consultations at the RAH.

How this will impact you

- A Neuropathologist will now be available as a resource for intraoperative consultations, after receiving ample notification, to assist with patient management and ultimately improve patient care.

Action Required

- During after hours for any cases which you require neuropathology intraoperative consultation contact the Edmonton Zone Neuropathologist On Call through the switchboard or ROCA.
- Note: this is a different contact than the Regional On Call Pathologist.

Effective **January 10, 2022**

Questions/Concerns

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