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| <b>DATE:</b> | 28 November 2022  |
| <b>TO:</b>   | EPIC sites in Edmonton, St. Albert, Grande Prairie and Red Deer       |
| <b>FROM:</b> | Anatomical Pathology, Alberta Precision Labs                          |
| <b>RE:</b>   | <b>Use of STAT Priority and Intra-operative Consultation Requests</b> |

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### Key Message

- Do not order intraoperative consults (IOC) specimens as STAT in EPIC

### Background

- Staff collecting specimens in EPIC are marking specimens that are being sent for an intraoperative consult (IOC) as STAT.
- Specimens sent for an IOC are treated as priority specimens and do not need to be marked in EPIC as STAT.
- The lab is unable to remove the STAT designation when the case is mistakenly marked as STAT.
- Lab has specific criteria that must be met for STAT-Critical and STAT-Priority requests which are detailed in [STAT Critical and Priority Request Definitions for Anatomical Pathology Samples \(labqms.com\)](https://www.labqms.com/STAT-Critical-and-Priority-Request-Definitions-for-Anatomical-Pathology-Samples).

### How this will impact you

- When collecting a specimen that is being sent for an IOC, ensure the specimen is marked as Frozen with the snowflake icon.
- Follow site specific procedures for notifying the lab of the specimen for the IOC.

### Action Required

- Share with all staff collecting specimens in EPIC that specimens sent for IOC do not need to be collected as STAT.
- Ensure Tip Sheets are up to date to include this information.
- Follow the [STAT Critical and Priority Request Definitions for Anatomical Pathology Samples \(labqms.com\)](https://www.labqms.com/STAT-Critical-and-Priority-Request-Definitions-for-Anatomical-Pathology-Samples) for specimens that truly are STAT.

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### Questions/Concerns

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