

Date: December 13, 2016
To: Edmonton Zone Neurology and Neurosurgery
From: AHS Laboratory Services
Re: Changes to the Edmonton Zone Neuropathology Services

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Key Messages:

- Beginning today until further notice, all neuropathological specimens collected on neuro-autopsies requested in the Edmonton Zone will be sent to Calgary Laboratory Services for diagnosis.
- As well, nerve and muscle biopsies requested in the Edmonton Zone will be screened in Edmonton and only those deemed to be urgent with immediate treatment implications (e.g. vasculitis, infections, neuritis, dermatomyositis, polymyositis, etc.) will have a preliminary/final report in Edmonton with the remainder going to Calgary Laboratory Services for reporting.
- The on-call, frozen section and neurosurgical service in the Edmonton Zone will continue unchanged from the present practice.

Action Required:

- All requesting and ordering practices will remain the same. The Laboratory and Pathology staff will triage the requests appropriately.

We gratefully acknowledge the assistance of the Neuropathology Section of Calgary Lab Services and thank you for your patience and support.

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