

Date: June 14, 2016
To: Edmonton Zone Surgeons and OR Nursing Staff
From: AHS Laboratory Services
Re: EZ-Clinical History Provided for Hysterectomy Specimens performed for Benign Disease

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Key Messages:

- Effective **immediately** a standardized provincial approach will be implemented for the gross examination of normal cervix in a hysterectomy performed for benign disease.
- The gross examination is based on the patient's clinical history and therefore it is important for this information to be provided on the requisition submitted to Anatomical Pathology.
- The key patient clinical history that is necessary for gross examination of hysterectomy specimens performed for benign disease is as follows:
 - If there is a history of a Pap test or cervical tissue sampling within the previous 5 years with the diagnosis of ASC-H, AIS, HSIL, or Malignancy.
 - If there is a history of a Pap test or cervical tissue sampling within the previous 1 year with the diagnosis of ASC-US or LSIL.

Why this is important:

- Having this information available on the requisition provided to Anatomical Pathology is necessary to implement this standardized approach.
- The patient clinical history will guide how the laboratory staff proceeds with the gross examination of these specimens to ensure that the correct tissue sample is provided to Pathologists for patient diagnosis.

Action Required:

- All staff filling in clinical history on patient requisitions should be aware of the necessary clinical history listed above and should provide this history on the requisitions.

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