

Date: March 8, 2016
To: All Central Zone AHS Physicians
From: Central Zone Laboratory Services
Re: Central Zone – Surgical Pathology Reports

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Key Messages:

- Surgical Pathology reports generated from the Red Deer Hospital Pathology Lab will undergo a change in format within the “Diagnosis” section of the reports.
- This change in format will be in alignment with the Surgical Pathology report format that has been provincially recommended by the Alberta Health Services, Anatomical Pathology Network.

How this will impact you:

- The diagnostic line from the Diagnosis section of Surgical Pathology reports from the Central Zone Pathology Lab will be provided in lower case, rather than being all upper case (Capitalized).

Current: report example of Diagnosis Section:

Specimen A: Skin and soft tissue, right arm, biopsy:
- BENIGN INTRADERMAL NEVUS.

After March 14, 2016: report example of Diagnosis Section:

Specimen A: Skin and soft tissue, right arm, biopsy:
- Benign intradermal nevus.

Action Required:

- March 14, 2016

Inquiries and feedback may be directed to:

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