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JUN 23 2004

MEDICAL SERVICES

DATE: June 17, 2004
TO: All Surgeons at the Health Sciences Site
FROM: Dr. Alan Kwan
Co-Clinical Chief of Perioperative Program

RE: SPECIMEN WITHOUT CLINICAL HISTORY

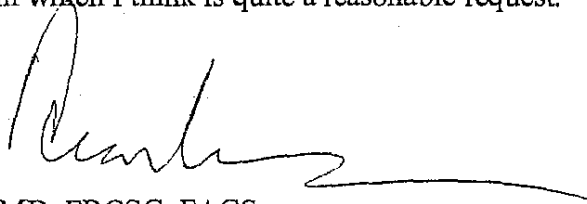
Dear Colleague:

Enclosed is a memo from Dr. Ejeckam, Chairperson, Surgical Pathology Review Committee regarding pathology without adequate clinical history. This has been going on for sometime with no improvement with friendly persuasions.

This is to advise you that the history is to be completed on the pathology requisition form before the specimen goes out of the Operating Room. I have also advised the O. R. nurses to remind all physicians to do this or the specimen will not leave the Operating Suite unless the clinical history has been completed.

Thank you for your attention in this matter. Enclosed you will find a memo I received from Dr. Ejeckam which I think is quite a reasonable request.

Sincerely,



ALAN KWAN, MD, FRCSC, FACS
Co-Clinical Chief
Perioperative Program

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cc: Dr. A. Felix, Chief of Divisional Surgery, St. Clare's Hospital
Ms. Dorothy Budgell, Manager O.R. Health Sciences Centre
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DATE: June 9, 2004

TO: Dr. A Kwan,
Chairperson, O.R. Committee & Chief of Divisional Surgery, HSC
Ms. Shirley Taylor, Chairperson, O.R. Committee, St. Clare's Hospital

FROM: Dr. G. Ejeckam
Chairperson, Surgical Pathology Review Committee

RE: SPECIMEN WITHOUT CLINICAL HISTORY


At the last meeting of the Surgical Review Committee, members continued to show concern over noncompliance by many physicians with regards to completing the surgical pathology request forms adequately.

It was decided to request that the O.R. Committee adopt a policy whereby no specimen leaves the O.R. for the laboratory without adequate clinical history.

I request that you kindly evolve a "modus operandi" to realize this decision.

Thank you,

Sincerely,


Dr. G. Ejeckam
Chairperson,
Surgical Pathology Review Committee

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cc: Dr. R. Williams, Vice-President, Medical Services
Dr. D. Cook, Clinical Chief
Dr. A. Felix, Chief of Divisional Surgery, St. Clare's Hospital

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