

Surgical Pathology Review Committee (SPRC)
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3. BUSINESS ARISING (CONT'D):

3.2 Surgical Review Committee – Update (Cont'd):

Dr. G. Ejeckam also stated the Health Care Corporation should have a Director of QA and QC and each department have a representative to coordinate the activities.

Much discussion on the benefits of these recommendations being implemented.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1 Clinical History – Pathology Requisitions

Dr. G. Ejeckam informed the committee members that he sent a letter to Dr. A. Kwan and Ms. Shirley Taylor requesting the O.R. committee to adopt a policy whereby no specimen leaves the O.R. for the laboratory without adequate clinical history.

4.2 Recommendations

A discussion was held on the inadequate clinical history, problems encountered and how to resolve this issue. Some suggestions are:

- 1) Submit requisitions electronically to laboratory.
- 2) Requisitions in O.R. electronically printed with completed history and presented to surgeon for signature. This could be considered as part of the O.R. paperwork. It was agreed that the surgeon not the nurse should complete the clinical history.
- 3) It was also recommended the surgeon following the operation should complete and sign the form.