

**DIVISION OF ANATOMICAL PATHOLOGY
PATHOLOGISTS' MEETING
GENERAL HOSPITAL SITE, HCCSJ**

DATE: November 2, 2004
TIME: 10:30 a.m.
PLACE: Pathology Reporting Room

AGENDA

1. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2004.**
2. **BUSINESS ARISING**
 - 2.1 Cantext
 - 2.2 Specimen Grossing – Biopsy / Routine
 - 2.3 On Call Payment
 - 2.4 Tumor Board
 - 2.5 Updated Immunolist
3. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - 3.1 Pathologist Assistant
 - 3.2 Any Other Business
4. **ADJOURNMENT.**

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PATHOLOGISTS' MEETING
HEALTH CARE CORPORATION OF ST. JOHN'S
MINUTES OF MEETING, NOVEMBER 2, 2004**

PRESENT: Drs. D. Fernandez, D. Robb, G. Ejeckam, M. Parai, A. Pirzada,
S. Chittal, C. Morris-Larkin, D. Fontaine, J. Barron, S. Parai and
B. Dyer

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Dr. S. Parai at 10:30 a.m.

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2004

The minutes were adopted as circulated with an amendment of
3.7.

Amendment: Anatomical Pathology residents can attend the Neuropathology
frozen section provided there is no conflict of their core
Anatomical Pathology rotation.

3. BUSINESS ARISING

3.1 Cantext

Cantext has been developed for grossing of 13 specimens. It will be
available at the specimen grossing station. Residents, pathologists and
technologists are expected to use this cantext for grossing. However
cantext will not be used for diagnosis and micro.

3.2 Dividing Pathology Cases into Biopsies and Routine

Updated list of the biopsy and routine cases are reviewed and accepted
by the pathologists and pathology manager for immediate implementation.

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3. BUSINESS ARISING (CONT'D):

3.3 On Call Payment

Much discussion on this issue. It is agreed that the pathologists should continue with the present billing system pending final amendment by MCP.

3.4 Tumor Board

A committee will be formed to update the Tumor Summary.

3.5 Updated Immuno List

The Immuno list is being updated and will be circulated later on.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1 Pathologist Assistant

Much discussion on this issue. It is agreed by the pathologists that this issue should be brought to the attention of the Vice-President of Medical Services. Dr. D. Robb, Chairman of the Discipline will write to Dr. R. Williams recommending pathologist assistants as per the Royal College recommendation. It is also pointed out that the Anatomical Pathology division is earning over \$100,000.00 per year by billing for the technical work. It is expected that some of the money should be given to the pathology budget to hire pathologist assistants.

4.2 Filing ASCP, CAP Programs

Barry will talk with the secretarial staff for this filing.

4.3 Specimen Loss , Mislabeling, etc.

Mr. Barry Dyer has given a report on the recent several cases of specimen loss and mislabeling. This is probably due to understaffing. It is recommended that the division needs additional staff to avoid a legal suit.

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4. NEW BUSINESS (CONT'D):

4.4 Digital Camera for Grossing with Printer

Mr. Barry Dyer has informed that there will be a session by the representative.

4.5 New Tissue Processor

Pathologists are asked to get familiar with the new workstation and cut the specimen at a certain thickness to be processed in the new tissue processor.

4.6 New Referred in Cases

Mr. Barry Dyer has informed that there will be a new code "RI" for the referred in cases.

4.7 FISH for Her2 Neu

This will be automatically done when the Her2 Neu is reported 2 plus. Dr. G. Ejeckam is the Head of the Immuno Lab and consultation with him is suggested for any related issue.

4.8 Pathology Report Call Back

Hard copy of the report should be called back from Medical Records and physicians' offices.

5. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

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