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**TO:** Dr. R. Williams,  
Vice-President, Medical Services

**FROM:** Dr. G. Ejeckam

**DATE:** September 30, 2003

**RE:** **SURGICAL PATHOLOGY REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING** ← *File*

Please find enclosed a copy of the Surgical Pathology Review Committee Meeting minutes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "G. Ejeckam", written over a horizontal line.

Dr. G. Ejeckam

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cc: Dr. D. Cook

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**SURGICAL PATHOLOGY REVIEW COMMITTEE (SPRC)  
HEALTH SCIENCE CENTRE, HCCSJ  
MINUTES OF MEETING, SEPTEMBER 23, 2003**

**PRESENT:** Dr. G. Ejeckam, Chairman  
Dr. J. Siddiqui  
Dr. M. Parai  
Dr. D. Tennent  
Mary Connors, Secretary

**APOLOGIES:** Dr. L. Dawson  
Dr. S. Battcock

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. G. Ejeckam, Chairman called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. on September 23, 2003 in Room 2864. HSC. Dr. Ejeckam asked if there was anything that needed to be changed in the previous minutes. Dr. Siddiqui moved to accept the minutes, second by Dr. M. Parai.

**2. BUSINESS ARISING**

**2.1 Estrogen and Progesterone Status**

Dr. Ejeckam stated that the technical problem with staining for ER and PR stains has been solved.

Dr. Siddiqui asked what were the standards for performing Her 2 Neu. Some discussion took place with regards to this. It was decided that ER & PR will be done at the time of diagnosis and Her 2 Neu will be done by request. Dr. Siddiqui asked what about turn around time for Her 2 Neu. Dr. Ejeckam explained that Her 2 Neu will have to be done in batched because of cost associated with the test. It is usually performed once a week.

**2.2 Review of Skin Biopsies and Hysterectomy Cases**

Dr. M. Parai flagged skin biopsy cases. In a lot of the cases the dermatologist had filled out the clinical history. The problem arises with the general and/or plastics surgeons not providing adequate clinical history.

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**2. BUSINESS ARISING (CONT'D):**

Dr. Ejeckam flagged cases of hysterectomies. Again no clinical history was given for about 20% of the cases flagged.

Dr. Siddiqui asked does the attending staff person have to sign the requisition. Dr. Ejeckam stated that it doesn't matter who signs the requisition but the staff persons name should be there in case we have to discuss the case with them.

How do we solve this problem? Some discussion took place with regards to this. It was suggested that Dr. Ejeckam to ask Dr. Williams, Vice President, Medical Services to address this problem in a memo sent to all physicians indicating the problem and asking that they cooperate in filling out the requisitions properly. /

**3. NEW BUSINESS**

Guidelines needed for request for second opinion.

Some discussion took place with regards to this. It was decided that a review request form is to be drafted by Dr. Ejeckam. It should state reason for review, external or internal consult sought or specify if they want another pathologist in the department to review the case. Then the site chiefs to look after this once it is received in the department. Also it needs to be clarified who pays when a physician requests to have a case sent to another site for a second opinion, even when HCCSJ Pathologist do not consider the consultation necessary.

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

  
Dr. G. Ejeckam  
Chairman

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