

## *Pathology and Laboratory Medicine Memorandum*

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To: Central Zone Physicians, Health Service Directors, Nursing Homes

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**Subject: Autopsy service changes**

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The Division of Anatomical Pathology is currently facing staffing challenges related to the autopsy service. Effective March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019, on an interim basis, autopsy call service on the weekends will not be offered. All requests for weekend autopsies will be deferred until the next working day. The regular hours of operation for the autopsy service are Monday to Friday 09:00 to 17:00.

For information related to autopsy requests, please refer to the **Care of the Patient After Death policy (CC-90-040)** available on the NSHA website. If you have other questions related to autopsy, please call the Anatomical Pathology at (902) 473-7738, and listen carefully to the voicemail for direction related to your inquiry.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Colleen Caines at (902) 473-7702 or [colleen.caines@nshealth.ca](mailto:colleen.caines@nshealth.ca) .