



Capital Health

MEMORANDUM

To: Dartmouth General Hospital OR's and Clinics, Referring Family Physicians and Clinics.

From: Colleen Caines - Manager, Division of Anatomical Pathology
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Date: March 1, 2013

Subject: Move of Dartmouth General Hospital Anatomical Pathology Service

Over the past number of years we have evaluated the feasibility of maintaining a separate Anatomical Pathology (AP) service at the Dartmouth General hospital (DGH). After a detailed evaluation of the current situation, meetings with stakeholders and consideration of all other options, the decision was made to move and integrate the DGH AP service with the service in Halifax by **April 8th, 2013**.

All processing of AP specimens with the exception of tissue for frozen section will occur in the MacKenzie Building at the VG site in Halifax. Specimens from clinics and OR's within the DGH will continue to be sent to the DGH laboratory specimen receiving area for packaging and transport to the VG site.

As of **April 3rd** at end of day, all AP specimens from **outside** the DGH must be delivered directly to the laboratory specimen receiving area in Halifax which is located at the following address:

5788 University Avenue

Laboratory Specimen Receiving

1st floor MacKenzie Building

Halifax, Nova Scotia

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Please feel free to contact Colleen Caines at (902) 473-7702 or cainesc@cdha.nshealth.ca should you have any questions or concerns.