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The Anatomic Pathology laboratory continues to experience significant staffing challenges at the faculty and staff levels.

**In order to maintain adequate turnaround time for surgical pathology specimens, we plan to forward a subset of biopsy and other small specimens to Labcorp for processing, histology, and reporting of diagnosis.**

**The surgical pathology orders for the specimens that are forwarded on to Labcorp will be canceled and re-ordered by laboratory staff. The final reports, when ready, will return to Epic via interface similar to other laboratory results generated by Labcorp. There is no change in the ordering process for surgical pathology.**

This plan will be in place until our staffing situation improves. If you wish to reach out to the Labcorp pathologist who put out a report or a VCU pathologist to discuss a case, please call 8-PATH and a representative will help direct you.

We continue to appreciate your partnership in caring for our patients and your support during this extraordinarily challenging period.