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Dear Clients,

Recently we have had questions regarding frozen section diagnoses for the outpatient community.

This is a service that Interscope Pathology can offer to you. It can be accomplished in two different ways:

1. If you need a courier to pick up the fresh tissue:
  - a. Schedule the patient between the hours of 9:00 am and 3:00 pm for the procedure.
  - b. At least 48 hours in advance, fax the information to Interscope Pathology at 818-992-7943, attention: Client Services
  - c. We will contact you the day of the procedure and give you the phone number of the courier who will be covering this. The courier will need to be called directly by you 20 minutes before the specimen will be ready. Our couriers cannot sit in your office and wait as they have routine pick ups to make also.
  - d. Give the courier fresh tissue in a sterile container with a completed Blue requisition. Please indicate a phone number for the pathologist to call the physician directly with the diagnosis.
  - e. The courier will bring the specimen to the pathologist at the hospital. The pathologist will call the physician and indicate if the margins are clear or if more specimen is needed. The pathologist will send the courier back to your office if you need to obtain more.
2. If you do not need a courier to pick up the fresh tissue (ie, your staff will bring it to the hospital)
  - a. Schedule the patient between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00 pm.
  - b. At least 24 hours in advance fax the information directly to the hospital at 818-708-5546, attention Pathology
  - c. Bring the specimen in a sterile container to the Pathology office on the second floor of the hospital with a completed Blue requisition. Indicate a phone number that the physician can be contacted at.
  - d. The Pathologist will call the physician directly with the diagnoses and if the margins are clear.

Should your patient cancel or be running late, we would appreciate if you would call us and let us know.

If you have any further questions or need supplies, please contact Interscope Pathology at the number below.

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