



Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center

DEPARTMENT OF NURSING

OPERATING ROOM

POLICY AND PROCEDURE

SUBJECT: TRANSFER OF INFORMATION BETWEEN
CONSULTING PATHOLOGIST AND SURGEON

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Policy Statement:

There will be direct communication between the Pathologist and Operating Surgeon.

Procedure:

1. It is the responsibility of each surgical service to indicate the need for a frozen section on the "Surgery Request Detail Report" sheet that is sent to the Operating Room.
2. The Control Desk will notify the pathologist at least 24 hours prior to scheduled day of surgery.
3. On the day of surgery, the pathologist will be notified when the surgical specimen has been removed.
4. When pathologist has completed the frozen section, he/she will report directly to the Surgeon in the OR via intercom or telephone.
5. In the event of an unscheduled need for frozen section, the Pathology Department will be notified.

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References:

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