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**Department of Anatomic Pathology
UPMC Shadyside/Presbyterian Hospital**

NEUROLOGY FROZEN SECTIONS

OBJECTIVE:

The purpose of this procedure is to provide a high quality rapid diagnostic service to the surgeon and patient. This procedure assures that the appropriate staffing are in place and available to efficiently process frozen sections of this tissue type.

PROCEDURE:

- It is the neurosurgical team's responsibility to arrange **IN ADVANCE** for intraoperative neuropathology consults occurring after 5pm. They should call the neuropathology service pager (412-958-2970) to make these arrangements by 4PM.
- The operating room team should verify that coverage has been arranged at the beginning of any case that is likely to generate a specimen after 5 PM. The operating room will be called by the pathology PA, resident or attending responsible for the case with the specific handling instructions, which may vary with circumstances. This call will **NOT** happen if neuropathology has not been contacted significantly in advance to make arrangements.

NEUROPATHOLOGY SERVICE PAGER: 412-958-2970

Other useful numbers:

- **Standard hour frozen sections (7:30-5:00pm): 3-1328.**
- **Shadyside gross room 3-6131**
- **Pathology resident on call: Call operator and ask for "pathology" resident on call for shadyside.**