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## **SOP: Telepathology Intraoperative Consultation**

### **Noon day before**

- 1.) St. Vincent 86<sup>th</sup> Street emails Neurosurgical OR schedule to UPMC Neuropathology
- 2.) UPMC Neuropathology previews cases and Neuroradiology

### **8:00 AM to 6:00 PM**

1. When called to OR, Ameripath pathologist pages UPMC neuropathologist (412-958-2970)
2. UPMC NP service logs onto remote robotic microscope and calls Ameripath pathologist to discuss specimen
3. Ameripath pathologist prepares specimen and scans it on Trestle while UPMC NP calls into OR
4. UPMC NP reviews specimen remotely and discusses with Ameripath pathologist. Concurrently specimen remotely reviewed by Neurosurgeon in OR. Call Neurosurgeon to relay diagnosis or discuss further. Discussion of special handling.
5. UPMC NP completes Intraoperative consultation page, scanned and emailed to billing, data entered into database
6. Final report, Intraoperative preparation and permanent slides mailed by Ameripath to UPMC for QA

OR

Permanent specimen sent to UPMC NP for consultation and QA

### **Final Diagnosis Consultation**

Ameripath pathologist decides which cases to be sent to UPMC Neuropathologist for consultation on final diagnosis versus QA. Slides and blocks of consult cases Fed Exp to UPMC Neuropathology, entered into consultation service and billed as standard consultation with report faxed to Ameripath pathologist and Neurosurgeon. If additional technical testing is required (e.g. FISH), that will be institutionally billed.

Intraop and permanent slides of QA only cases reviewed by UPMC NP & QA form completed then entered into database and 3-ring binder