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Anatomic Pathology Consultations

General Information

The Boston Children's Hospital Department of Pathology provides a full range of general and subspecialty based anatomic pathology consultations including:

- Solid Tumor Pathology
- Hematopathology
- Gastrointestinal Pathology
- Neuropathology
- Renal Pathology
- Pulmonary Pathology
- Cardiac Pathology
- Liver Pathology
- Dermatopathology
- Placental Pathology
- Perinatal/Developmental Pathology
- Cytopathology
- Molecular Pathology
- Autopsy Pathology

Our consultation process may require the use of ancillary testing including but not limited to immunohistochemistry, flow cytometry, molecular pathology, cytogenetics, immunofluorescence, in situ hybridization, and/or electron microscopy. We will make every effort to contact the referring physician or clinician regarding the requirement for additional studies as well as significant diagnostic issues or discrepancies.

Instructions to Request a Pathology Consultation

For Clinicians and Pathologists:

1. Complete the attached Boston Children's Hospital Pathology Consultation Requisition. Be certain to complete all mandatory fields including the 'For Institutional Use Only' section.
2. As a reminder, many managed care insurance plans may require a referral from the patient's primary care physician prior to submitting any consultation.
3. Specify Anatomic Pathology Consultation vs. Molecular Consultation.
4. Every effort will be made to accommodate requests to bill patient insurance, however the responsibility for all consultation fees will be guided by third party contractual agreements and/or the requestor of the consultation.
5. For consultations requiring ancillary testing, pathology consultation invoices will be sent from both Boston Children's Hospital and the Children's Hospital Pathology Foundation, Inc.
6. Collect all appropriate pathology stained and/or unstained case slides and/or paraffin blocks. Be certain all case slides and materials are included. Package slides and materials in appropriate protective laboratory shipping containers.
7. Include a copy of the final pathology report(s) as well as any pertinent past surgical and medical history, laboratory results, radiologic images, electron micrographs, etc.
8. We strongly recommend using a reputable and traceable package delivery service (FedEx, UPS, DHL, etc). BCH is not responsible for lost and/or interrupted deliveries.
9. The final pathology consultation report will be sent to the specified referring physician.
10. All original case materials will be returned using a trackable package delivery service.
11. For any questions or other assistance, please call 617-355-7431.

For Patients and Families:

1. Insurance providers may pay for a pathology consultation and it is important to review your coverage prior to requesting a consultation. Every effort will be made to accommodate requests to bill patient insurance, however the responsibility for all consultation fees will be guided by third party contractual agreements and/or the requestor of the consultation.
2. As a reminder, many managed care insurance plans may require a referral from your primary care physician prior to submitting any consultation.
3. Your clinician and/or PCP will need to work with you to collect, prepare and ship all appropriate pathology case materials to BCH.
4. Your clinician and/or PCP must complete the attached Boston Children's Hospital Pathology Consult Requisition. Be certain to complete all mandatory fields including the 'For Institutional Use Only' section.
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Ship All Consultation Materials to:

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