

**MEDSTAFF - CMO Blast: Frozen Sections**

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The anatomic pathologist and resident, on-call, cover after-hours and weekend intra-operative consultations or frozen sections at the University Hospital Downtown and Community campuses. Until recently, after-hours frozen sections at the Community Campus were a rare event. With greater utilization of the operating rooms at Community by Upstate surgeons, requests for frozen sections after-hours have become more common. For patient safety reasons, it was decided to forgo a plan to use remote telemicroscopy (Mikroskan system) to be able to perform frozen sections simultaneously at both campuses. Instead, Community Pathologists, Drs. Rohin Mehta and Kerry Whiting, will provide frozen section coverage at Community until 8 pm on weekdays, while the on-call pathologist and resident cover frozen sections downtown. After 8 pm on weekdays and on weekends, the on-call pathologist and resident will cover frozen sections at both campuses. Because neither the attending pathologist nor the resident on-call is in-house, frozen sections need to be scheduled at least one-hour in advance to provide enough time for the pathology team to be ready, as has always been the case. It is, therefore, imperative that all frozen section requests after 8 pm on weekdays and on weekends be made before the surgery starts so that appropriate frozen section coverage can be arranged. Any failure to do so may result in either significant delays or inability to perform a frozen section.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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