



To : All Doctors  
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Subject : **Specimen delivery to the Pathology Department**

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Dear Doctors,

The pilot scheme of sending the pathological specimen directly to the Pathology Department has been rolled out for a considerable period of time with good acceptance by the patients and the doctors.

It has been decided in the Hospital Operating Theater Advisory Committee held on 14/12/2009 that the practice will be fully implemented with effect from 1/1/2010.

The specimens obtained in the Operating Theaters, the Endoscopy and Endosonography Unit, the Urology Centre, the Radiology Department, Well Women Center and in the minor procedures rooms in DLG1 will be sent directly to the Pathology Department without accompanying the patient back to the ward.

To facilitate explanation and communication with the patient, two sets of photographs of the specimens obtained in the Operating Theaters will be provided free of charge. One set will be given to the doctor and the other either given to the patient or if the patient prefers, kept in the medical record.

Viewing of the remains of the specimen after pathological examination can be arranged within two weeks at the request of the patient, but that does not apply to small biopsies such as polyps.



The arrangement has the dual purpose to reduce the risk of specimen loss by making the delivery route as direct as possible and shorten the time of reporting while respecting and retaining the individual choice of the patient.

Yours sincerely,

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