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**RE:** Improvement in Surgical Pathology Turnaround Time Expected as Histology Laboratory Staffing Shortage is Resolved

We are pleased to communicate that the acute staffing shortage in the Histology Laboratory has been resolved.  We anticipate a significant improvement in turnaround time of surgical pathology cases in the upcoming days to weeks as our team works toward reducing the case backlog. We continue to make every effort to triage and prioritize cases with a high probability of clinical urgency.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during the challenging period of staff shortage. We are extremely grateful for our skilled histology technical staff members who are working behind the scenes to serve the critical needs of our patients. Should you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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