

Service Update: Pathology Turnaround Times

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The New Hampshire Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory is currently experiencing temporary delays in pathology turnaround times due to a staffing vacancy within our pathology service.

This may affect the reporting of:

- Surgical biopsy (histopathology)
- Cytology
- Necropsy Final Reports

Surgical biopsy and cytology reports are currently taking a few additional business days beyond our published turnaround times. Please be assured that all cases continue to receive the same careful diagnostic evaluation and quality standards. The delay reflects reduced staffing capacity and not the quality of our diagnostic services.

To restore normal turnaround times as quickly as possible, NHVDL is launching a national search to fill the vacancy. In addition, we are finalizing arrangements for a board-certified contract veterinary pathologist to provide supplemental diagnostic support alongside our current board-certified pathologists, Dr. Needle, Dr. Sidor, and Dr. Flocken. This additional expertise of a 4th pathologist will help ensure timely reporting while maintaining the high standards of diagnostic quality our clients expect.

All other laboratory services, including microbiology, serology, molecular diagnostics, and related testing, continue to operate within their normal turnaround times.

We understand the importance of timely diagnostic information for patient care. If you are awaiting pathology results that have become more clinically urgent, please contact the laboratory. We will make sure the case is marked for expedited reporting.

We appreciate your patience and understanding during this temporary transition and remain committed to providing the high-quality diagnostic services you expect from the NHVDL.