

# PATHOLOGY SERVICES IN CR

- ▶ Presentation to City Council
- ▶ September 16, 2019
- ▶ Dr Leia, pathologist

# WHO AM I

- ▶ Pathologist
  - ▶ 6 years in CR
  - ▶ One of two pathologists
  - ▶ General pathologist
    - ▶ Anatomic pathology 1.0 FTE
    - ▶ Clinical pathology 0.9 FTE: 0.15 Hematology, 0.15 Chemistry
  - ▶ Prior to CR
    - ▶ 10 years in a regional lab in Alberta (10 pathologists)

## WHY AM I HERE

- ▶ Motion and Article

- ▶ Motion:

- ▶ I only became aware of the motion after it was already sent out to Medical Staff
    - ▶ I do not agree with motion, never signed it and do not endorse it

- ▶ Article in CR Mirror:

- ▶ I only became aware of the article after it was published online
    - ▶ I did not talk with reporter nor see a draft beforehand

- ▶ Further presentations and written submissions

- ▶ Council, Board, etc
    - ▶ Adversary group

## SERVICE UP TO NOW

- ▶ Non-regional
- ▶ General pathologists      Analogy: 'Skilled handyman' who does it all
- ▶ Solo or 2 man practice
- ▶ Smaller communities      Smaller hospitals
- ▶ Examples:
  - ▶ Trill
  - ▶ Terrace
  - ▶ Fort St John
  - ▶ Campbell River/Courtenay ..... currently

## BEST SERVICE GOING FORWARD

- ▶ Regional
- ▶ Subspecialists    Analogy: Electricians/Carpenters/Plumbers
- ▶ Group practice (greater than 2)
- ▶ Larger communities    Larger hospitals or networks of hospitals
- ▶ Examples:
  - ▶ Nanaimo
  - ▶ Victoria
  - ▶ Vancouver/Fraser Valley
  - ▶ Campbell River/Courtenay ..... going forward

## WHO'S IN FAVOR

- ▶ Pathologist in CR
- ▶ Internists in CR (3)
- ▶ Pathologist in CV
- ▶ island clinical pathology specialists
  - ▶ Hematopathologists (5)      Chemists (4)
- ▶ Lab Director/VIHA
- ▶ Lab Agency of BC

## WHO'S OPPOSED

- ▶ Pathologists in CR

## WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE

- ▶ Regional network of hospitals with subspecialized service
  - ▶ Nanaimo/Courtenay/Campbell River
    - ▶ Hematology:
      - ▶ 2.5 – 3.0 Hematopathologists in B1 teamed with 4.5 Hematopathologists in B1
      - ▶ Co-ordinated work and quality systems
    - ▶ Chemistry:
      - ▶ 1.5 Chemists plus 0.5 Chemist/general pathologist
    - ▶ Anatomic pathology:
      - ▶ Nanaimo: General/Anatomic pathologists doing AP full time
      - ▶ Courtenay/CP: General pathologists doing AP full time (group of 4 or 5)

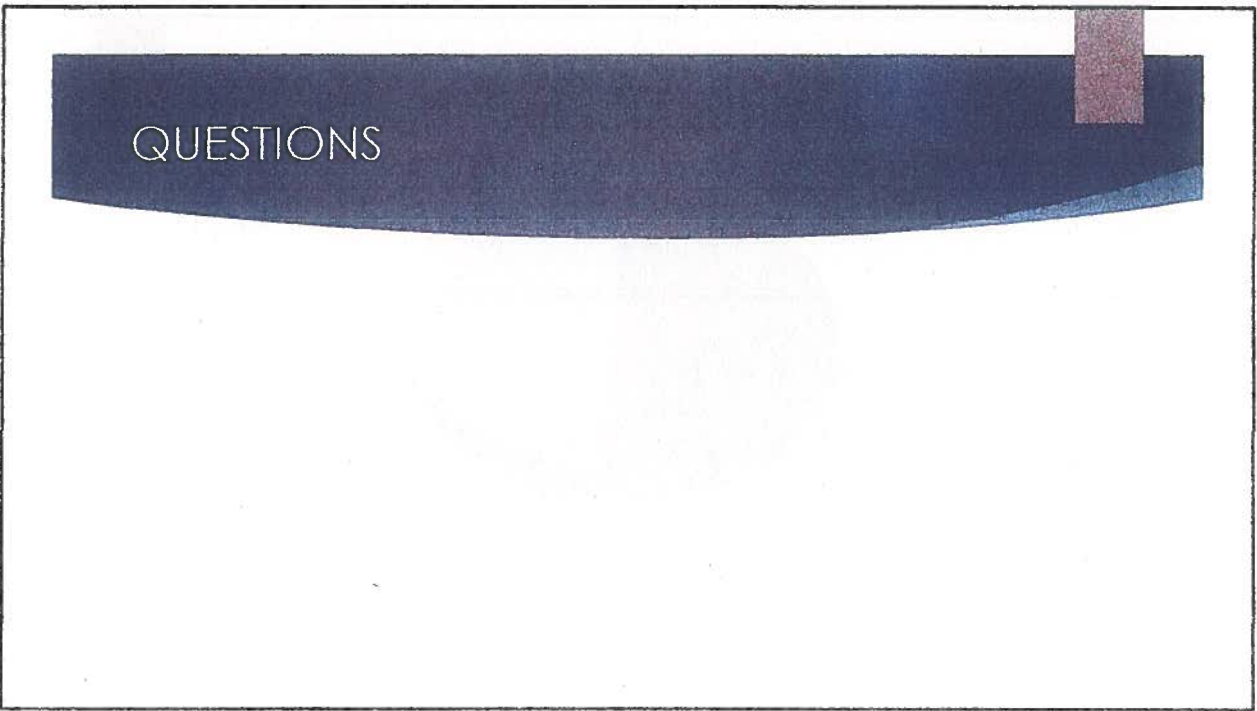


## STEPS TO GET THERE

- ▶ Campbell River
  - ▶ Non-renewal of clinical pathology subcontract - Done
- ▶ Courtenay
  - ▶ Provide 6 months notice of contract change - Sept 30, 2019
  - ▶ Contract change - April 1, 2020
- ▶ Recruitment
  - ▶ Chemist - in progress now
  - ▶ Hematopathologist - pending 6 months notice and contract change

## REQUEST OF COUNCIL

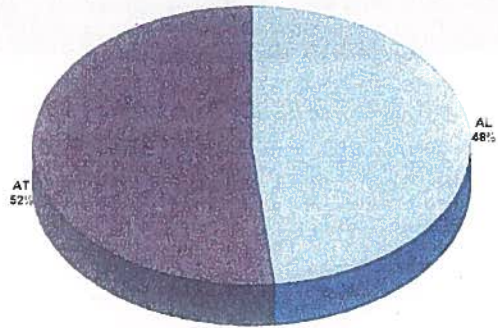
- ▶ Letter to Minister of Health in support of best service going forward
- ▶ Assist in recruitment



SURGICAL REPORTS  
PER PATHOLOGIST CRH 2018/2019

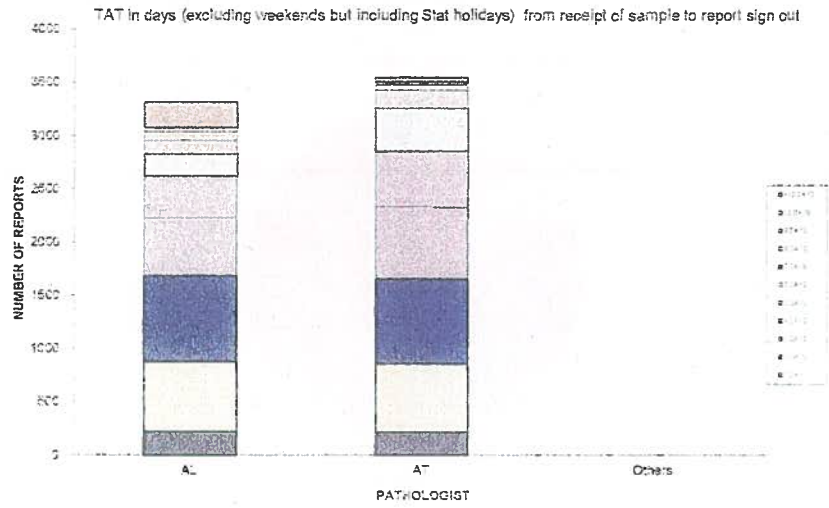
Percentage of total reports signed out

Others  
0%



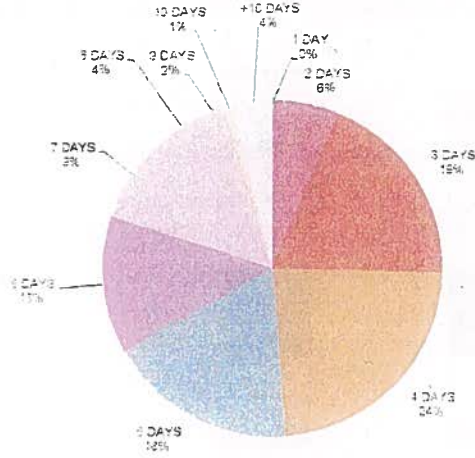
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**SURGICAL TURNAROUND TIME  
PER PATHOLOGIST CRH 2018/2019**



SURGICAL TURNAROUND TIME VIHA LABORATORIES CRH  
2018/2019

TAT in days (excluding weekends but including Stat holidays) from receipt of sample to report sign out



## Turnaround Time for Resection Reports from Date of Surgery

Figure 2. Percentage of resection reports received within 14 calendar days from date of surgery, by Regional Cancer Program (RCP) of pathology lab, 2016 to 2017

