



# Veterinary Health Center

MANHATTAN, KANSAS

OFFICIAL PROTOCOL

## CLINICAL PATHOLOGY SERVICES (AFTER HOURS)

**Purpose:** The VHC utilizes the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory for after hours clinical pathology services as defined in this protocol.

- I. Diagnostic Medicine Interns are responsible for processing and analyzing most samples submitted to the clinical pathology laboratory after-hours. The interns are DVMs who are completing a one-year diagnostic medicine internship within the Kansas State Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory in the College of Veterinary Medicine. The interns will contact a medical technologist, clinical pathology resident or clinical pathologist if assistance with testing samples is needed.
- II. Diagnostic Medicine Interns should be called at the time a sample is obtained for analysis. The VHC emergency desk has access to the intern schedule and their cell phone numbers. Please do not ask the Emergency Desk to call prior to having the sample in-hand.
- III. Diagnostic Medicine Interns are to be available in the clinical pathology laboratory within 20 minutes of the time they are called by the Emergency Desk. The Emergency Desk will record when the Diagnostic Medicine Intern is called.
- IV. Diagnostic Medicine Interns will remain available for running samples for cases that are being continually monitored under anesthesia provided the clinician makes this request upon submission of the initial sample. The senior clinician on the case is responsible for notifying the Diagnostic Medicine Interns when laboratory service is no longer required.
- V. Clinicians should notify the Director or Associated Director of the KSVDL if there are problems or concerns related to Diagnostic Medicine Interns or after-hours laboratory services.