

**VETERINARY HEALTH CENTER at KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY
OFFICIAL PROTOCOL**

CLINICAL PATHOLOGY SERVICES (AFTER HOURS)

Student Laboratory Technicians (SLT) are responsible for processing and analyzing most samples submitted to the clinical pathology laboratory after-hours. Student Laboratory Technicians are hired by and responsible to the Director of the Clinical Pathology Lab. The SLT will contact a medical technologist, clinical pathology resident or clinical pathologist if assistance with handling samples is needed.

Student Laboratory Technicians should be called or paged at the time a sample is obtained for analysis. Please do not ask the Emergency Desk to call or page an SLT prior to having the sample in-hand.

Student Laboratory Technicians are to be available in the clinical pathology laboratory within 20 minutes of the time they are called or paged by the Emergency Desk. If paged, the SLT is to acknowledge receipt of the page by calling the Emergency Desk. The Emergency Desk will record when the SLT is paged and when the SLT responds.

Student Laboratory Technicians 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 SLT when laboratory service is no longer required.

Clinicians should notify the Director of the Clinical Pathology Lab if there are problems or concerns related to Student Laboratory Technicians or after-hours laboratory services.

CATEGORY Clinical Sections, Desks, House Officers and Students

APPROVED 4/2/12, VHC Administrator