

Engagement & Collaboration in Patient Referral – Lymph Node/Lymphoma Biopsies

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Goals

- Streamline and optimize the diagnostic pathway for patients needing biopsies for possible lymphoma / enlarged lymph nodes.
- Create lasting changes, endorsement and facilitation of changes by all parties.
- Work with ACU and OR managers to update KGH policy on accepting samples.
- Raise awareness with surgeons / others.

Outcomes

- Provide patients with overall faster time to diagnosis minimizing non-diagnostic biopsies.
- Optimize the appropriate approach to biopsy balancing morbidity with adequate material for pathologic diagnosis.

Budget approved: \$4,133