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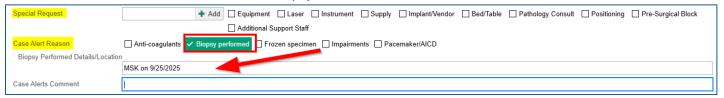
# Case Alerts - Identifying slide locations for external biopsies and Frozen specimen requests

This tipsheet reviews two case requesting and scheduling workflows regarding specimens and pathology. First, we will review how to identify the slide location for external biopsies – biopsies done by the patient at a non-Northwell facility – brought in for review prior to a surgical case. Second, we will review how to indicate on the case request or case at the time of scheduling, that the surgeon plans to take frozen specimens and how that information is communicated to the lab.

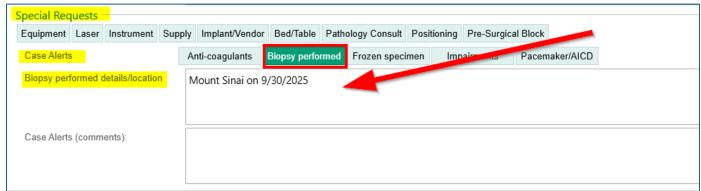
#### Identifying slide location for external biopsies

Surgeons and other clinical staff will be able to identify the slide location when submitting a case request order or transcribing the order to Epic.

• In the Case Request order this would be documented by using the Case Alerts question and selecting Biopsy Performed. The details can be listed in the "Biopsy Performed Details/Location" box shown here:



• This carries through to the scheduling view ("Case Entry"). Surgical Coordinators and Schedulers also have the opportunity to transcribe the information if it was not included in the case request. This is done using the Case Alerts section and selecting the Biopsy Performed option.:

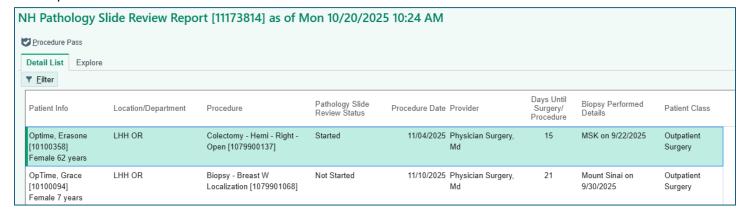




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• Entering this data using either method will allow the information to be pulled into the report "NH Pathology Slide Review Report" for review by the pathology team at each site and to assist them in initiating the slide review process



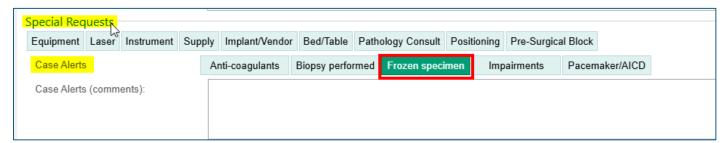
#### How to indicate frozen specimen request when booking a case

If a surgeon plans to take frozen specimens for review by the lab during a case, the ordering surgeon or ACP can indicate that in their case request.

Within the Case Alerts question, they would select the "Frozen Specimen" option as shown below:



This will also show on the scheduling view within Case Entry. Similar to other options within case scheduling, Surgical Coordinators and schedulers do have the ability to transcribe this option as well:



Once the case is scheduled, the lab will be able to see these requests in their "NH OR Frozen Specimen Request Status" report as indicated in the "Frozen Specimen" column:





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