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Knox County Procurement Division Addendum I to Request for Proposal No. 2781 Pathology Laboratory Services

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The following is for clarification:

- Q1. Is Proposal solely for Anatomic Pathology work?
A1. There is an optional Transcription schedule included in the RFP. Testing will only be decedents.
- Q2. Regarding Section 4.1.1, please clarify what is meant by tissue blocks and how far are you along in the processing?
A2. Amend "tissue blocks" to read "tissue cassettes." The blocks are the paraffin blocks that are returned from histology.
- Q3. Regarding Section 4.1.2, please clarify what the RFC procedures are and provide a copy.
A3. The RFC procedures in this section refer to histology types of testing done in association with autopsy. It is not in reference to written policies and/or procedures. In reference to histology, we provide a Slide Key to accompany the tissue cassettes. The requisitions are for Special stains or additional requests.
- Q4. Regarding Section 4.1.2, please clarify electronic requisitions of what?
A4. We prefer to electronically complete our requisitions of whatever test being requested but we could utilize paper forms.
- Q5. Section 4.1.5 mentions whole slide imaging with internet access to digital slide images and that slide images must be available to forensic pathologists for diagnostic work or photomicrography. Is this a requirement?
A5. Our pathologists sometimes prefer to have digital slide images for viewing and presentation. It is not a requirement.
- Q6. Section 4.1.6 references routine cultures (blood and/or tissue and/or CSF). Please clarify whether there is an expected turnaround time?
A6. Yes. Within 5 days or within 2 days of the completion of testing.



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- Q7. Section 4.1.7 references nasopharyngeal (viral) cultures. Please clarify whether there is an expected turnaround time?
- A7. Yes. Within 5 days or within 2 days of the completion of testing.
- Q8. Section 4.1.8 references Tryptase (concentration in blood) that is no longer available.
- A8. If tryptase testing not available, please state so under the "Exceptions" tab of your proposal.
- Q9. Section 4.1.9 references exposure and donation cases (HEP and HIV). Is this clinical testing instead of Anatomic Pathology testing?
- A9. Such testing would only be performed on the source patient (decedent).
- Q10. What is the name of the pathology electronic medical record software?
- A10. MDILog
- Q11. Who is the medical director/pathology group overseeing this?
- A11. The Medical Director is Dr. Darinka Mileusnic-Polchan.
- Q12. Do you have an approximate number of blocks per day?
- A12. The number varies from 5 to 50 blocks per day.
- Q13. Describe the requirements for possible chain of custody cases that may need any kind of litigation.
- A13. These would be normal chain of custody cases for labs handling homicide cases.