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[Pathology Cuts Ribbon on New Central Laboratory Space](#)

Part of a five-year consolidation and expansion project, the 19,000-square-foot addition at the facility on Bailey Road has made room for Surgical Pathology and Cytology, resulting in the majority of the department's non-acute teams consolidated in one location. A set of key labs will remain permanently based onsite at SMH to support emergent patient care.

The ribbon cutting marks a new chapter in Pathology's history. The larger, state-of-the-art space and consolidation of labs was the goal when the overall project was envisioned prior to 2019.

"We are excited for the future of our department," Whitney-Miller said. The addition of the Surgical Pathology and Cytology staff members at Central Lab will enhance collaboration, streamline operations, and strengthen our collective impact on patient care. The expansion also will allow for continued growth and an environment in which our entire team can further thrive, now and into the future."

The department boasts a substantial clinical operation, performing 12 million tests annually. This addition helps support one of the largest hospital-based surgical pathology laboratories, a team that now sees over 100,000 cases each year.

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In the coming months there will be an important change to the acceptability of samples received with discrepant or missing information. Once instituted, each sample not in compliance with our labeling policy will be subject to a **higher level of rejection and recollection**. Please use this time in the coming weeks to better understand your section processes and to plan for any improvements that would mitigate these missed testing opportunities.

All samples received in the laboratory must have full first and last name of the patient, secondary identifier (DOB or MRN), collection date, collection time and collector's initials. Electronic documentation in UR Medicine's eRecord or interfaced systems meets this qualification, all others must record the information on the specimen label. Link: [Labeling Requirements](#)

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