

# Physician **MEMO**

To | All Surgeons

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Re | Pathologist Biopsy Review

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As approved by the Medical Executive Boards at both Medical Park Hospital and Forsyth Medical Center, with the exception of cutaneous squamous and basal cell carcinomas, all patients brought to these institutions for elective definitive surgery, radiation therapy, and/or chemotherapy who have a definitive diagnosis of cancer initially rendered by a pathologist(s) not affiliated with either of these institutions are required to have the original biopsy material reviewed by the Medical Park and Forsyth Medical Center pathologists.

If extenuating circumstances exist which make this review unnecessary (e.g. emergency surgery), the surgeon should clearly document this in the medical record. As part of our quality assurance program, we will be monitoring compliance with this issue and reporting the results to the respective Executive Boards and Medical Affairs. We expect full compliance and monitoring to begin February 1, 2011.

Thank you.