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Memorandum

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SUBJECT: Delay in PAP Smear Turn-Around Time

Because of a severe shortage of cytopathology technical staff at Lifespan and nationwide, we are experiencing a delay in Pap smear turnaround time. If you need a Pap smear to be reviewed immediately, please call the cytology lab at 401-444-5231. We are in the process of recruiting staff, and we hope this situation will be remedied in the next month. We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience that this delay may have caused.

Thank you.