**From:** Sherry Atha   
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**To:** Dorothy Danielson  
**Subject:** Surgery PTH's

Hi Dorothy, I finally connected with the person I needed to in surgery about the PTH’s!

Surgery will call lab the day before a parathyroidectomy. These always happen on Mon or Tues, at least at this point.

When the patient is in surgery and they draw a PTH, they will call us to come pick it up. Someone will immediately respond, pick up the blood and ‘own’ it. This person 1.will bring it to lab

2. log it in

3. spin it in the STAT centrifuge

4.  let the Tech know

5. keep their eye and ear on the centrifuge

6. take the PTH out of the centrifuge and HAND it to the Chem tech

I told Babett I would run this by you for approval. I like the idea of the phlebotomist ‘owning’ the specimen, including putting it into the techs hand. In the past, it has been announced when the specimen was put into the centrifuge, then things happen, the tech gets busy and the PTH gets forgotten.

I hope you agree this may be the solution. And I hope we never have a delay in the PTH results again!  

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