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Enhance the Follow Up Care of Patient with Sending out Specimen(s) (Tissue) for Cytology and Histology

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Introduction
There is an increasing number of patient who have procedures done in OLMH. Some specimens will be taken for cytology or/and histology during the procedure. The result is automatically printed out from the defaulted printer, and screened by doctor. Incidents of treatment delay due to system failure of printing the results have occurred in other hospitals. Learning such experience, preventive measures are set up in OLMH to avoid the mishap.

Objectives
To develop a mechanism to ensure all the laboratory result would be appropriately followed up.

Methodology
Log book and flowchart on the sent out specimen(s) (Tissue) for cytology and histology have been drafted and endorsed by Nursing Executive Committee. Once the specimen has been taken, it will be counter-checked by two staff for the specimen type and patient identity. The specimen will then be sent to Blood Taking Station (BTS). Further confirmation will be made by BTS upon the receipt of specimen by signing on the log book. Relevant department would follow up the laboratory result and confirm the appointment has been booked. On site briefing to all nursing staff was conducted.

Result
All cytology and histology results would be followed up appropriately and confirmation on appointment booking is made. The overall compliance rate was 100%, all Cytology and Histology were seen by Doctor and follow up action were taken accordingly.