Pathology Consultation Ordering Algorithm

When requesting a Pathology Consultation, the test order is based on the specimen type as follows:

**Slides and/or paraffin-embedded tissue blocks ONLY?**

- Order: PATHC / Pathology Consultation
  - Testing includes review by an expert in any of the following specialties:
    - Cytopathology
    - Dermatopathology
    - Hematopathology
    - Renal Pathology
    - Surgical Pathology and subspecialties
  - For case routing, note specialty on cover letter included with the case
  - For muscle/nerve biopsy, order 1 of the following:
    - MBX / Muscle Pathology Consultation (stained slides only)
    - SPBX / Epidermal Nerve Fiber Density Consultation (stained slides only)
    - PNBX / Peripheral Nerve Pathology Consultation

**Slides and/or paraffin-embedded bone marrow biopsy blocks and fresh aspirate specimen**

- Order: HPCUT / Hematopathology Consultation, Client Embed
  - Bone marrow aspirate, bone marrow aspirate slides, bone marrow biopsy and clot (embedded), and peripheral blood slides are required

**Unembedded Tissue:**

- Bone marrow core biopsy and clot
- Kidney biopsy
- Oral mucosa biopsy
- Skin biopsy
- Muscle or nerve biopsy

- Specimen collected sent for immunofluorescence testing

**Bone marrow:**

- Order: HPWET / Hematopathology Consultation, MCL Embed
  - Bone marrow aspirate, bone marrow aspirate slides, bone marrow biopsy and clot (not embedded), and peripheral blood slides are required

**Kidney biopsy:**

- Order: RPCWT / Renal Pathology Consultation, Wet Tissue

**Oral mucosa biopsy:**

- Order: DEXT / DermPath Consultation, Wet Tissue

**Skin biopsy:**

- Order: ANPAT / Anatomic Pathology Consultation, Wet Tissue

**Muscle/nerve biopsy:**

- Order 1 of the following:
  - MBX / Muscle Pathology Consultation (stained slides only)
  - SPBX / Epidermal Nerve Fiber Density Consultation (stained slides only)
  - PNBX / Peripheral Nerve Pathology Consultation

**For specimen sent in Michel's transport media, order:**

- CIB / Cutaneous Direct Immunofluorescence (IFA), Biopsy