



**Wednesday, November 9, 2016**

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### **Maine Medical Center Statement on OR Case Postponements**

Maine Medical Center is currently working through the protocols associated with a single patient suspected of having a rare pathogen-based condition known as prion disease. No diagnosis has been confirmed at this time.

After consultation with the Centers for Disease Control and out of an abundance of caution, MMC is going above and beyond the CDC's recommended protocols. As a result, MMC has postponed elective surgical procedures at its Bramhall campus scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 9, and Thursday, Nov. 10, and is in the process of sterilizing equipment and surgical processing areas. We are currently working on rescheduling those elective surgical procedures and apologize for the inconvenience to our patients and families. There is no ongoing risk for patients or staff.

For more information about prion disease:

<http://www.cdc.gov/prions/index.html>

<http://www.cdc.gov/prions/cjd/infection-control.html>

<https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/surgical-exposure-to-cjd-prion/>

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