

Optilab of McGill Grappe

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- Optilab will happen and it will centralize services.
- The provincial objectives of Optilab are quality and efficiency.
- The Optilab network has 11 Grappes
- Each Grappe functions as one entity with a single leadership, one centralized budget (cost center) and one centralized HR.
- Quality is an issue because there are not enough technologists and there is a shortage of technologists who are qualified.
- The McGill Grappe includes the following institutions: MUHC, Lakeshore, St. Mary's, LaSalle, JGH, Nunavik, Baie James, Abitibi Temiscamingue.
- The academic aspect of the Grappe is laboratory medicine.
- Optilab will mean that protocols across all sites within the Grappe will have to be standardized.
- We will have to be accountable for the quality as well as the financial.
- Transversal divisional heads will be appointed for: pathology, biochemistry, hematology and microbiology.
- April 1st all cheques for employees will be issued by the MUHC.
- A transition plan needs to be created.
- LIS and transport issues need to be resolved first before there will be any movement of tests, specimens, etc.
- Pathology will be the last move.
- Here are a list of challenges:
 - Maintaining quality during the transition
 - Combining the different cultures
 - Working with the distant areas within the Grappe.
 - Managing the IT
 - Research & development and technology assessment
 - Evolution of testing methodology
 - Client relations
 - Clinical work supports academic work
 - Interacting with the other Grappes.