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Orientation Week

The Department of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine along with BMC Health System Leadership and key stakeholders had a successful onsite orientation week with the EPIC Beaker team where implementation and workflows for the AP go live coming this November were discussed.

Meet the Team

Meet the team behind our EPIC Beaker AP project:

EPIC Team

- August Williams: Application Manager
- Graham Atz: Application Coordinator
- Emma Rodriguez: Implementation Director

Operation Leaders

- Chris Andry: Chair of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine
- Denise Bland: Operations Implementation Lead
- Charline Mack: BMC Main Operations Director
- Cameron Ellis: BMCS Operations Director
- Nicholaos Tsaniklides: BMCB Operations Director

IT Team

- John Cyzon: Project Director
- Silvia MacMurdo: LIS Application Manager
- Saul Becker: Beaker Build Team
- Teresa Lima: Beaker Build Team
- Joel Rodriguez: Beaker Build Team
- Pamela Bowman: Epic Project Manager

Many clinics have already been contacted by Pathology to review current specimen collection workflows—thank you to those who have shared their processes. If you haven't been contacted yet, we will reach out soon to schedule a brief meeting.

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Important Dates

Phase	Start	End
Pre-Work	3/23/26	4/17/26
Epic Orientation	4/13/26	4/16/26
Workflow Testing	4/20/26	7/10/26
User & System Readiness	7/13/26	10/2/26
Test Deck Revalidation	8/3/26	10/16/26
Training	10/5/26	10/30/26
Go-Live	11/2/26	
Post-Live	11/3/26	2/8/27

- 90-Day GLRA on 8/5/26
- 60-Day GLRA on 9/9/26
- 30-Day GLRA on 10/7/26

Guiding Principles

The guiding principles driving our EPIC Beaker go live:

1. Patient safety and specimen integrity come first
2. Standardize workflows before automating them
3. Design for frontline usability in a resource-constrained environment
4. Optimize the full AP value chain, not only pathologist sign-out
5. Support financial sustainability from day one
6. Use joint governance and disciplined change control
7. Plan for stabilization, not just activation