

VILLE MARIE TO OPEN

On-Site Pathology Laboratory

In response to its commitment to optimize patient care, Ville Marie proposes to offer its physicians and their patients who require biopsies, an option for immediate provisional diagnosis by an on-site breast pathologist, with the final pathology report available within 24-48 hours.

This goal is consistent with the maximum allotted delays contained in Ville Marie's Quality Care Standards (QCS). These standards are now being monitored within the NCBC's National Quality Measures for Breast Centers (NQMBC) project.

In order to help achieve this goal, Ville Marie proposes to launch an on-site pathology laboratory which will be directed by **Dr. Charles Catzavelos**. **Dr. Catzavelos**, who is currently the **Ville Marie Director of Pathology**, is trained at Harvard Medical School and has extensive experience in breast pathology, both in research and in patient care. The project includes his evaluation regarding a provisional diagnosis for patients who require biopsies, as well as reviewing the

findings with the treating physician and the patient. In addition, the biopsy would be processed in the on-site pathology laboratory to minimize any delays in the final report. The success of this initiative will markedly reduce the anxiety felt by patients waiting for their diagnosis and will enable immediate initiation of the management plan. **Dr. Catzavelos** will be assisted by **Martine Prevost**, an experienced cytotechnologist who carried out a **Ville Marie Oncology Foundation-**

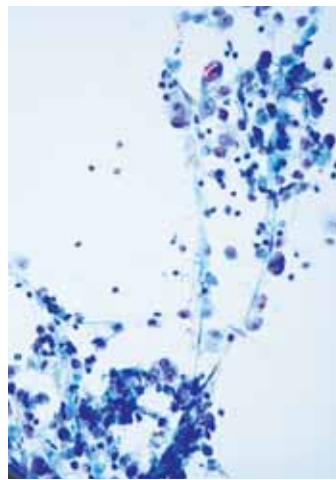
funded clinical research project at Ville Marie, which has shown the value of immediate core imprint cytology in the management of patients with breast pathology.

This new pathology unit would be situated one floor below the **Ville Marie Oncology Center**, with a satellite office within the 10th floor **Ville Marie Breast Center**, to facilitate immediate reviewing of the slides with the multi-disciplinary clinical staff.

In addition to ensuring best pathology quality control of Ville Marie biopsies and cytology procedures, **Dr. Catzavelos**, in his role as **Ville Marie Director of Pathology**, will also interact with all parties to facilitate image, clinical and pathology conciliation to help optimize management.



Dr. Charles Catzavelos, breast pathologist and Martine Prévost, cytotechnologist, review slides from a Ville Marie breast biopsy.



Core imprint cytology of a breast vacuum biopsy.



Dr. Dawn Anderson, surgical Oncologist, performing a breast ultrasound.