

Surgical Pathology Submitting Guidelines

1. The specimen must be in an adequate amount of proper fixative which is 10% buffered formalin in a volume approximately 10 times the specimen volume accompanied by an appropriate Surgical Pathology requisition.
2. All containers should be tightly sealed and placed in biohazard bag with completed requisition placed in outside pouch.
3. Separate specimens on one patient obtained during a single surgical encounter should be submitted to the laboratory at the same time and on the same requisition.
4. Containers must be labeled with the name of patient and one other identifier (DOB, SSN, MRN) and labeled to indicate source and site of specimen.
5. Fixation guidelines:
 - a. Do not fix specimens such as lymph node, muscle or renal biopsies or tissue for possible bacteriologic culture requiring immediate evaluation by a pathologist or special studies (e.g. flow cytometry, chromosome analysis). See special handling instructions.
 - b. Do not place tissue in fixative if frozen section diagnosis is desired. Arrangements should be made in advance for frozen section diagnosis (see special handling instructions).
6. No surgical pathology specimens should be sent through a hospital tube system.