



GUIDELINE

- **Send the following fresh, IMMEDIATELY, to the Anatomic Pathology Laboratory:**
 - Intraoperative Consultations (frozen sections)
 - Lymphoma Protocol
 - POC or uterine contents for cytogenetic testing
 - Specimens requiring any Ancillary Testing
- **Neuropathology specimens:** Submit in formalin unless directed otherwise by a surgeon.
- **Cardiac specimens:** Submit cardiac transplant biopsy specimens fresh. Submit all other cardiac specimens in formalin.

BONE and SOFT TISSUES	
FRESH	FORMALIN
Amputation	Digits
Atypical Lipomas	Dupuytren's Contracture
Bone Resection	Lipoma
Femoral Head	Lymph Nodes
Sarcoma	Sarcoma Core Biopsies
Other Soft Tissue Tumors	Skin

BREAST SPECIMENS	
FRESH	FORMALIN
Lumpectomy >3cm	Axillary Dissections
Mastectomy	Breast Biopsies/Cores
Segmental/Partial Mastectomy	Breast Capsules/Implants
	Breast Reductions
	Lumpectomies ≤3cm
	Lymph Nodes (including Sentinel Nodes if not for frozen section)
	Skin

GI SPECIMENS	
FRESH	FORMALIN
Colon (malignant or benign)	Appendix
Esophagus	Gallbladder
Liver Resections	Hemorrhoid
Pancreas	Liver Biopsies
Small Intestine (malignant or benign)	Lymph Nodes
Stomach	Omentum
Whipples	Polyps
	Spleen
	Stomas



GYNECOLOGICAL SPECIMENS	
FRESH	FORMALIN
Ovary (malignant or benign)	Biopsies from Staging Cases
Pelvic Exenteration	Cervix Cone Biopsies/LEEPS
Sarcoma	Endometrial Ablation
Uterus (malignant or benign)	Endometrial/Endocervical Currettings
Vulva Resection	Fallopian Tubes
	Fibroids
	Lymph Nodes from Staging Cases (pelvic, para-aortic, obturator, inguinal, etc.)
	Omentum
	Peritoneum
	Polyps
	Vagina Resection

HEAD and NECK SPECIMENS	
FRESH	FORMALIN
Larynx	Lymph nodes
Thyroid	Mandible/maxilla
Parathyroid	Neck dissection
	Salivary glands
	Tongue
	Tonsils

THORACIC and PULMONARY SPECIMENS	
FRESH	FORMALIN
Lobectomy	Lymph nodes
Lung wedge resections	Pleura
Mediastinal mass	Ribs
Pneumonectomy	
Thymus	

OTHER SPECIMENS		
FRESH	FORMALIN	B PLUS Fixative
Adrenals	Hernia sacs	Baseline kidney biopsies
Bladder	Nasal polyps	
Kidney resections	Plastic surgery	
	Skin biopsies and resections	
	Vas deferens	

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have questions during normal service hours 07:30- 18:30 call the Gross Room at 403-944-1227. After hours, 8:00 Monday to Friday contact the Pathologist on-call.

REFERENCES

Not applicable.