

Pathology Laboratory Specimen Collection Guide

Sample/Procedure Type	Epic Order Instructions/Tests to consider	Collection Instructions	Specimen Dropoff
Products of	LAB0001206: Surgical Pathology	Surgical Pathology: specimen	Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 4:00 pm:
	 Specimen = Lab Surgical Path – OB 	submerged in formalin <i>(unless</i>	deliver to Surgical Pathology (Purple 4)
Conception/	Gestational Tissue	cytogenetics is also ordered	
Placenta/ Fetus	 Test Requested = Routine gross and 	then defer to Cytogenetics	After 4:00 pm, weekends, and holidays:
	microscopic examination	protocol)	deliver to Purple 4 Laboratory Specimen
			Processing
	LAB0001212: Cytogenetics Chromosomes	Cytogenetics: specimen	
	 Specimen Source: Products of 	submerged in sterile saline	
	Conception		
	o Indication for procedure: [please fill this		
	out]		
	Specify a Test: Products of		
	Conception/abortus/fetal tissue		
	 LAB CY PROD LIST: [Select the products to be tested from the list] 		
t and the same	LAB0001206: Surgical Pathology	Specimen must be fresh tissue	Deliver IMMEDIATELY to Surgical
Lymphoma	Specimen = Lab Surgical Path	without preservatives.	Pathology (Purple 4)
	Test Requested = Lymphoma workup	without preservatives.	r athology (r drpic 4)
	Note: Hematopathologist will determine specific	Note: Sterile saline may be	If no one is available, page the
	testing to be performed.	added to keep sample moist if a	Hemepath On Call (see AmiOn schedule)
	l com g to ac perferences.	pathologist is not on-site.	(555 1
Frozen Section	LAB0001206: Surgical Pathology	Specimen must be fresh tissue	Hand deliver directly to a Surgical
1102en Section	 Specimen = Lab Surgical Path 	without preservatives.	Pathology team member in Surgical
ADVANCE NOTIFICATION	 Test Requested = Frozen Section 	·	Pathology (Purple 4).
REQUIRED: Call 3-3076 M-F,			
8a-4p prior to procedure to			Do NOT leave sample unattended.
arrange with pathologist.			
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After hours, page Anatomic			
Pathology On Call (see AmiOn			
schedule)			

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Biopsy for Direct	LAB0001206: Surgical Pathology	Specimen must be fresh tissue	Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 4:00 pm:
	 Specimen = Lab Surgical Path 	without preservatives.	deliver to Surgical Pathology (Purple 4)
Immunofluorescence	 Test Requested = Immunofluorescence 		
		Note: Sterile saline may be	After 4:00 pm, weekends, and holidays:
		added to keep sample moist.	deliver to Purple 4 Laboratory Specimen
			Processing
Kidney Biopsy	LAB0001221: Kidney Biopsy	Special Collection Kit provided	Pathologist collecting will deliver to
		by Pathologist	laboratory
ADVANCE NOTIFICATION			
REQUIRED: Call 3-3079 M-F,			
8a-4p prior to procedure to			
arrange with pathologist.			
Biopsy (all other)	LAB0001206: Surgical Pathology	Note: Check with the MD if	Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 4:00 pm:
biopsy (an other)	 Specimen = Lab Surgical Path 	heparin is needed for Fine	deliver to Surgical Pathology (Purple 4)
	 Test Requested = Routine gross and 	Needle Biopsies for any site	
	microscopic examination		After 4:00 pm, weekends, and holidays:
		Surgical Pathology: specimen	deliver to Purple 4 Laboratory Specimen
	LAB0001219: Flow Cytometry	submerged in formalin	Processing
	 Specimen Source: [Specify specimen 		
	source]	Flow Cytometry: specimen	Flow cytometry: Deliver to Purple 4
		submerged in RPMI	Laboratory Specimen Processing by
	LAB0001212: Cytogenetics Chromosomes		2:00 pm
	Specimen Source: [choose from the	Cytogenetics: specimen	
	listed selections]	submerged in sterile saline	
	o Indication for procedure: [please fill this	Note BBM on the district	
	out]	Note: RPMI can be obtained by	
	Comments: [Specify the test requested	contacting Surgical Pathology	
	from the dropdown menu]	at 3-3076	

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Endoscopic	Cytology Non-Gyn Panel	Cytology: Fresh aspirate or	Cytology: Deliver to Purple 4 Laboratory
Ultrasound FNA		tissue with sterile saline	Specimen Processing
Pancreatic Cyst –	Cytology Non-Gyn Panel	Cytology: Fresh aspirate	Cytology: Deliver to Purple 4 Laboratory
Endoscopic	LAB0000113: CEA Fluid	CEA and Amylase: Fresh	Specimen Processing
Ultrasound FNA	LAB0001828: Miscellaneous Body Fluid	aspirate; cytology will harvest	CEA and Amylase: will be harvested in
	Name of Test = AmylaseSpecimen Source = Pancreatic Cyst	the supernatant in the cyst	Cytology
ADVANCE NOTIFICATION			Note: Please place a GIVE DIRECTLY TO
REQUIRED: Call 3-3084 M-F,		Note: Make sure specimen	CYTOLOGY pink sticker on both the
8a-4p to let them know a specimen is being sent.		source is labeled on the	specimen container and on the outside
	LABOOOLOGE Complete Bath along	specimen container.	of the bag, sealing the bag closed.
Legal Foreign Bodies	LAB0001206: Surgical Pathology	Specimen must be collected in	Place in lockbox located in Surgical
	 Specimen = Lab Surgical Path Test Requested = Gross examination 	a sterile container, sealed with a security seal, and have an	Pathology (Purple 4)
IMPORTANT: Chain of Custody	only	accompanying chain of custody	
REQUIRED	Sin,	form.	
		Note: Retrieve the lockbox key	
		from the OR charge nurse to	
		ensure proper chain of custody is maintained.	
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