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| Surgical Tissue: **Day(s) / Time(s) Performed:**  | **Monday - Friday**  |
| Turn Around Time\*\*:  | 24 - 72 Hours  |
| **Specimen Collection Supplies:**  | * **10% Neutral Buffered Formalin (NBF) - if fixation is necessary**
	+ **Breast tissue** needs to be placed in formalin within 1 hour of collection. Document date and time of collection AND date and time placed in formalin.
* **Sterile Specimen Collection Container**
	+ If appropriate for size
* **\*Exceptions (Fresh/No Fixative):**
	+ Frozen sections, tissue requiring crystal analysis, and tissue samples of possible lymphoma or other tissue requiring cytogenetics should be delivered immediately to pathology.
	+ Culture specimens also requiring pathology may be directed first to microbiology. Include a pathology order to send specimen after culture to pathology**.**
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| Specimen Collection:  | • As deemed appropriate by physician / surgeon • As appropriate for rule out.  |
| **Specimen Handling:**  | * **Fixed in 10% Neutral Buffered Formalin**
* **Exceptions: Fresh/No Fixative:**
	+ **Room temperature if delivered immediately**
	+ **Refrigerated if delayed delivery is anticipated and specimen is fresh**
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| Specimen Requirements:  | • Labeled with two (2) patient identifiers • Completed Surgical Specimen Requisition • All specimens should be placed in a secondary “Biohazard Safety Bag”.  |
| **Transportation:**  | **As Soon As Possible Deliver Laboratory or Teton Pathology** |
| Comment / Special Instruction:  | For proper specimen management, specimens should be received in pathology as soon as possible  |
| **Rejection Criteria:**  | • **Inadequate information / missing requisition** • **Unlabeled / Mislabeled Specimen** • **Specimen submitted in preservative other than the preferred preservative for required testing method.**  |
| Retention Time of Specimen:  | Two (2) Weeks After Final Report is Issued  |
| **Laboratory Testing Performed:**  | **Teton Pathology**  |