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Specimens for Surgical Checklist

Obtaining the specimen

1. Use “read-back” methodology to confirm type of specimen, specimen name and destination
2. Confirm patient identity using 2 patient identifiers (match the ID label to other documentation)
3. Label a leak proof container or a zip lock bag for each specimen
4. Place specimen in the container and ensure the cap or lid is tightly secured
5. Please confirm specimen submission method using the Online Web Tool available through the Perioperative Services Website:



Nursing
Specimen
Handling
Guidelines

Completing the requisition

Complete the requisition, filling in all areas including location of procedure, contact information for the physician performing the procedure and any pertinent clinical history

Specify any special studies requested by the physician

Confirm patient identifiers on the requisition match both the label on the container and the patient

Packaging specimen for transport

Place specimen container in bio hazard bag

Validate integrity of zip lock seal on bio hazard bag

Fold requisition where patient identification is visible

Place folded requisition form in the plastic bag sleeve with patient identifier information visible

Specimen transport

Utilize Web Tool to determine appropriate handling and transport.

Fresh: In refrigerator for Anatomic Pathology Pickup

Fixed: In refrigerator for Anatomic Pathology Pickup

Intraoperative Consult: Hand deliver to 6 Founders or use pneumatic tube system

(Point-to-point or Tube station 207) (Includes Frozen, Gross Only

intraoperative consult or Lymphoma workup)

Complete information in the respective log book

For SAME DAY RUSH specimens (Transplant specimens for same day result)

Follow steps outlined in checklist up to Specimen transport:

Hand deliver to 6 Founders, Perelman Ground South Room 482 window or use pneumatic tube system (point-to-point or Tube station 207)