

# Pathology Laboratory Specimen Collection Guide

Sample/Procedure Type	Epic Order Instructions/Tests to consider	Collection Instructions	Specimen Dropoff
<b>Products of Conception/ Placenta/ Fetus</b>	<p>LAB0001206: <b>Surgical Pathology</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Specimen = Lab Surgical Path – OB Gestational Tissue</li> <li>Test Requested = Routine gross and microscopic examination</li> </ul> <p>LAB0001212: <b>Cytogenetics Chromosomes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Specimen Source: Products of Conception</li> <li>Indication for procedure: [please fill this out]</li> <li>Specify a Test: Products of Conception/abortus/fetal tissue</li> <li>LAB CY PROD LIST: [Select the products to be tested from the list]</li> </ul>	<p><b>Surgical Pathology:</b> specimen submerged in formalin (<u><b>unless cytogenetics is also ordered then defer to Cytogenetics protocol</b></u>)</p> <p><b>Cytogenetics:</b> specimen submerged in sterile saline</p>	<p>Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 4:00 pm: deliver to <b>Surgical Pathology</b> (Purple 4)</p> <p>After 4:00 pm, weekends, and holidays: deliver to <b>Purple 4 Laboratory Specimen Processing</b></p>
<b>Lymphoma</b>	<p>LAB0001206: <b>Surgical Pathology</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Specimen = Lab Surgical Path</li> <li>Test Requested = Lymphoma workup</li> </ul> <p><i>Note: Hematopathologist will determine specific testing to be performed.</i></p>	<p>Specimen must be <u>fresh tissue without preservatives</u>.</p> <p><i>Note: Sterile saline may be added to keep sample moist if a pathologist is not on-site.</i></p>	<p>Deliver <b>IMMEDIATELY</b> to Surgical Pathology (Purple 4)</p> <p>If no one is available, page the Hemepath On Call (see AmlOn schedule)</p>
<b>Frozen Section</b>	<p>LAB0001206: <b>Surgical Pathology</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Specimen = Lab Surgical Path</li> <li>Test Requested = Frozen Section</li> </ul>	<p>Specimen must be <u>fresh tissue without preservatives</u>.</p>	<p><b>Hand deliver directly to a Surgical Pathology team member</b> in Surgical Pathology (Purple 4).</p> <p>Do NOT leave sample unattended.</p>

ADVANCE NOTIFICATION  
REQUIRED: Call 3-3076 M-F,  
8a-4p prior to procedure to  
arrange with pathologist.

After hours, page Anatomic  
Pathology On Call (see AmlOn  
schedule)

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<b>Biopsy for Direct Immunofluorescence</b>	LAB0001206: <b>Surgical Pathology</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Specimen = Lab Surgical Path</li> <li>Test Requested = Immunofluorescence</li> </ul>	Specimen must be <u>fresh tissue without preservatives</u> .  <i>Note: Sterile saline may be added to keep sample moist.</i>	<u>Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 4:00 pm:</u> deliver to <b>Surgical Pathology</b> (Purple 4)  <u>After 4:00 pm, weekends, and holidays:</u> deliver to <b>Purple 4 Laboratory Specimen Processing</b>
<b>Kidney Biopsy</b>  ADVANCE NOTIFICATION REQUIRED: Call 3-3079 M-F, 8a-4p prior to procedure to arrange with pathologist.	LAB0001221: <b>Kidney Biopsy</b>	Special Collection Kit provided by Pathologist	Pathologist collecting will deliver to laboratory
<b>Biopsy (all other)</b>	LAB0001206: <b>Surgical Pathology</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Specimen = Lab Surgical Path</li> <li>Test Requested = Routine gross and microscopic examination</li> </ul> LAB0001219: <b>Flow Cytometry</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Specimen Source: [Specify specimen source]</li> </ul> LAB0001212: <b>Cytogenetics Chromosomes</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Specimen Source: [choose from the listed selections]</li> <li>Indication for procedure: [please fill this out]</li> <li>Comments: [Specify the test requested from the dropdown menu]</li> </ul>	<i>Note: Check with the MD if heparin is needed for Fine Needle Biopsies for any site</i>  <b>Surgical Pathology:</b> specimen submerged in formalin  <b>Flow Cytometry:</b> specimen submerged in RPMI  <b>Cytogenetics:</b> specimen submerged in sterile saline  <i>Note: RPMI can be obtained by contacting Surgical Pathology at 3-3076</i>	<u>Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 4:00 pm:</u> deliver to <b>Surgical Pathology</b> (Purple 4)  <u>After 4:00 pm, weekends, and holidays:</u> deliver to <b>Purple 4 Laboratory Specimen Processing</b>  <u>Flow cytometry:</u> Deliver to <b>Purple 4 Laboratory Specimen Processing</b> by 2:00 pm

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<b>Endoscopic Ultrasound</b>	<b>Cytology Non-Gyn Panel</b>	<b>Cytology:</b> Fresh aspirate or tissue with sterile saline	<b>Cytology:</b> Deliver to <b>Purple 4 Laboratory Specimen Processing</b>
<b>Endoscopic Ultrasound for Pancreatic Cyst</b>	<b>Cytology Non-Gyn Panel</b>  LAB0000113: <b>CEA Fluid</b> LAB0001828: <b>Miscellaneous Body Fluid</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Name of Test = Amylase</li> <li>○ Specimen Source = Pancreatic Cyst</li> </ul>	<b>Cytology:</b> Fresh aspirate  <b>CEA and Amylase:</b> Fresh aspirate; cytology will harvest the supernatant in the cyst	<b>Cytology:</b> Deliver to <b>Purple 4 Laboratory Specimen Processing</b>  <u>CEA and Amylase:</u> will be harvested in Cytology
<b>Legal Foreign Bodies</b>  <b>IMPORTANT: Chain of Custody REQUIRED</b>	LAB0001206: <b>Surgical Pathology</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Specimen = Lab Surgical Path</li> <li>○ Test Requested = Gross examination only</li> </ul>	Specimen must be collected in a sterile container, sealed with a security seal, and have an accompanying chain of custody form.  <i>Note: Retrieve the lockbox key from the OR charge nurse to ensure proper chain of custody is maintained.</i>	Place in lockbox located in <b>Surgical Pathology</b> (Purple 4)
<b>Skull Flap</b>	LAB00000663: <b>Tissue Culture: Includes Gram Stain</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Specimen Type = Bone</li> <li>○ Specimen Source = [Indicate location sample taken from]</li> </ul>	Obtain collection kit from OR storeroom. <i>Follow the instructions that are included with the kit.</i>  <b>DO NOT PLACE ON FORMALIN</b>	Deliver <b>IMMEDIATELY</b>  <u>Skull Flap:</u> Transfusion Services  <u>Swab for Culture:</u> Purple 4 Laboratory Specimen Processing