



## Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine

### BRONCHOSCOPY SPECIMEN PROTOCOL

#### REQUISITION

Surgical Pathology, Cytology and Microbiology slips as indicated.

#### NURSE or O.R. TECH RESPONSIBILITY

All of the below studies are to be ordered unless the physician makes a specific exception. Dividing a specimen is the physician's responsibility and may be delegated within the O.R. chain of command as he/she sees fit.

1. TAKE ALL BRONCHOSCOPY SPECIMENS FIRST TO THE TECHNOLOGIST WORKING IN MICROBIOLOGY SPECIMEN RECEIVING:
  - a. Bronchial biopsies – 10% formalin fixative preferred, use Pathology lab slip, put physician's suspected diagnosis on the lab slip. **Do not add formalin to entire specimen. Cultures cannot be performed on specimens to which formalin has been added.**
  - b. Washings/Brushings for Cytology – use cytology requisition or add to pathology or culture request.
  - c. Specimen for AFB culture – this will include an AFB smear.
  - d. Specimen for fungal culture – this will include a KOH prep.
  - e. Specimen for routine microbiology – this will include a Gram Smear.

NOTE: Cultures for AFB, fungus, and routine microbiology may all be done from a single specimen submitted in a sterile screw-capped container.

2. Please be certain that the physician's order sheet reflects exactly what laboratory tests have been requested with regard to the above specimens.