

ALWAYS include white and yellow requisition copies in the specimen bag's pouch pocket (keep pink copy for your records). If you use an EMR, please print out a copy of the e-requisition and include it with each specimen. When labeling specimen, always include two forms of patient identifiers – patient's name and patient's Date of Birth (D.O.B.) and/or Social Security number. Patient's specimen must be labeled in the presence of the patient (or patient's representative).

Histology

SPECIMEN:

WE ACCEPT ALL BIOPSIES AND EXCISION SPECIMENS FROM ALL SITES

- **Formalin-fixed Tissue Biopsy** (use formalin container)
- **Paraffin-embedded Biopsy**
- **Unstained Slides** - POSITIVELY CHARGED SLIDES ONLY

ACUPATH PERFORMS BOTH FLOW CYTOMETRY AND HISTOLOGY TESTING ON THE SAME SPECIMEN FOR LYMPHOMA EVALUATIONS. Please split the specimen and submit in the proper media*. *See requirements below for Histology and Flow Cytometry.

TRANSPORT:

Place in biopsy container with 10% formalin fixative (use formalin container) and seal lid tightly or place capped syringes, contained slides or paraffin blocks in Acupath biohazard specimen bag and zip pouch. Insert **ALL** paperwork in rear pouch. All containers, syringes and slides must be labeled with the patient's name and either D.O.B. or Social Security number. When possible, write the location/type of specimen and physician who performed the procedure. **During the summer months, use a cold pack when shipping a block. Blocks received melted in transit will be re-embedded.**

SLIDES MUST BE INDIVIDUALLY LABELED IN PENCIL WITH PATIENT'S FIRST AND LAST NAME.

Frozen Section Evaluation

SPECIMEN:

- **Fresh Tissue** (use sterile container)

A leaking container can compromise the fixation and integrity or stability of the specimen.

TRANSPORT: Tissue in frozen section evaluation should be submitted in a **sterile container**. Must be prearranged with the pathologist, histology staff and the couriers, and delivered to the laboratory within 10-15 minutes of collection. The specimen should be kept cool—on ice pack or moist in saline gauze and brought to the laboratory immediately. Include **ALL** paperwork.

Flow Cytometry

SPECIMEN:

Fine Needle Aspirate (FNA)/Tissue (Submit in complete **RPMI media**, 4°C). **Note:** RPMI media is a pink solution that may be requested from Acupath Laboratories. When ordering supplies, specify RPMI media tubes.

TRANSPORT: **ALL** FNA/Tissue should be transported in complete **RPMI media** at 4°C **with cold pack(s)**. Label each tube and/or container with the patient ID and attach label to each specimen. Insert tubes and containers into small zip-lock specimen bag and seal the plastic zipper along its entire track. Remember to keep the specimen cold with cold packs (may be requested from Acupath).

