



FROZEN SECTION REQUEST/ IMMEDIATE PATHOLOGY CONSULTATION

INDICATIONS:

Any specimen requiring an IMMEDIATE PATHOLOGY CONSULTATION, LYMPHOMA PROTOCOL WORK UP and/or FROZEN SECTION should be sent to the laboratory "STAT" on a saline-moistened gauze or telfa pad, and placed in a properly labeled specimen container. (Note: Do not "float" the specimen in saline as this can severely compromise the quality of the frozen section and make microscopic interpretation difficult).

SPECIMEN:

Immediate Pathology Consult (PC): Checking this box indicates that the submitting clinician desires the pathologist to examine the tissue in the fresh state for proper triaging of the tissue (example: Lymphoma Protocol) and/or other gross preliminary impression. The pathologist may elect to perform a frozen section depending on the circumstances. Please provide as much clinical information as possible on the requisition slip and a contact number if a return phone call has been requested.

Frozen Section (FS): By checking this box, an immediate microscopic evaluation by frozen section has been requested by the submitting clinician. Frozen sections can only be performed on fresh tissue. Upon completion of the frozen section, the pathologist will contact the submitting clinician with preliminary results. If the pathologist believes that a frozen section may compromise the final diagnosis, he/she will contact the submitting clinician to discuss the case.

SUPPLIES:

1. Specimen Requisition
2. Specimen Bag with a biohazard label
3. Saline-moistened gauze or telfa pad
4. Specimen container

COLLECTION:

The specimen requiring should be sent to the laboratory "STAT" on a saline-moistened gauze or telfa pad, and placed in a properly labeled specimen container. (Note: Do not "float" the specimen in saline as this can severely compromise the quality of the frozen section and make microscopic interpretation difficult).

Complete test requisition including last and first name of patient, patient's date of birth and social security number, body site and source of specimen collected. Label specimen container (using the labels provided on the requisition) with patient's first name and last name, and body site/source. The container must have at least two (2) unique identifiers. Examples of unique identifiers: patient name, DOB, unique bar code, etc. Include pertinent clinical information, i.e., previous malignancy, radiation therapy, drugs, etc. Place container in a specimen bag with a biohazard label. Place the requisition in the side pocket of the specimen bag.