



## ROUTINE SURGICAL SPECIMENS

### INDICATIONS:

For routine pathology examination/diagnosis.

### SPECIMEN:

Routine Histology Specimens

### SUPPLIES:

1. Specimen Requisition
2. 10% neutral buffered formalin container (of appropriate size) with formalin hazard label
3. Specimen Bag with a biohazard label

### COLLECTION:

The specimen must be submitted in ten percent neutral buffered formalin. Formalin container must have a formalin hazard label on the outside of the container. The amount of formalin should be fifteen to twenty times the volume of the specimen. The specimen must be placed in the formalin ASAP after removal and never allowed to dry. Failure to be placed in the formalin immediately after removal from the blood supply will cause cellular damage and compromise the diagnosis.

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.