

Instructions on How to Submit Specimens for Histology or Send Slides for Consultation to the Ophthalmic Pathology Laboratory

Specimen collection:

Specimens are sent to us in 10% Neutral Buffered Formalin

Delivery:

From: Hospitals, private physician's offices or researchers.

(Note: Specimens from private physician's offices must be accessioned at a reference laboratory of physician's choice because we are not billing patients or physicians! We do bill the reference laboratory!)

Request form/Container Labeling:

Specimens are accessioned by means of hard copy and data base utilizing consecutive assigned internal laboratory numbers.

Specimen container has a label identifying:

1. Name (with internal numbers such as hospital accession, MRN)
2. Date
3. Source of specimen
4. Date of birth
5. Physician
6. Facility name and phone number
7. Formalin label (Hazard label)

EACH CONTAINER MUST ACCOMPANY A REQUEST FORM!

REQUEST FORM MUST HAVE THE SAME INFORMATION AS THE LABEL ON THE CONTAINER.

REQUEST FORM AND LABEL ON CONTAINER MUST MATCH!!!!!!

Slides for consultations need to have the same procedure followed.

OUR ADDRESS IS ON THE REQUEST FORM. Billing will be done on the first of each month and will be emailed to Accounts Payable.

If you have further questions, please call 210-567-8411 and ask for Catherine Fischl Laboratory Manager.