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## HISTOLOGY SPECIMEN HANDLING INFORMATION FOR ROUTINE BIOPSIES

**\*NOTE: Absence of any required information on specimen label and requisition may delay processing of the specimen.**

- A. 10 % neutral buffered formalin is best for submitting routine biopsy samples.
- B. Place specimen in fixative as soon as possible. Prompt fixation is essential for optimal microscopic interpretation
- C. A ratio of 10:1 fixative volume to specimen volume is optimal for adequate preservation.

**Absence of any required specimen requisition and label information may delay processing of the specimen.**

All specimens must have a requisition completely filled out with two patient identifiers and source information that matches the two patient identifiers and source information on the specimen container.

Required requisition information includes:

- Patient name
- DOB
- Source
- Date of procedure
- Pertinent clinical information
- Special instructions
- Care Provider
- Care provider office address, phone and fax number
- Cc doctors

A courier will pick up specimen at predetermined time intervals. If stat delivery is needed, please contact St. Luke's Histology Laboratory @(208) 381-2370 to arrange delivery.

Please call St Luke's Histology at 208-381-2370 with questions.