

## HISTOLOGY FAQ's

Q: How much formalin do we need to submit a specimen?

A: A ratio of 10:1 fixative volume to specimen volume is optimal for adequate fixation. However, sometimes this isn't practical. At the minimum, make sure that the tissue is at least covered with formalin and send to histology ASAP.

Q: How long does it take to get results back?

A: That depends on the complexity and diagnosis of the specimen. Most results are completed within 1-3 days from the time of receipt in the laboratory.

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