

DERMATOPATHOLOGY SPECIMEN REQUIREMENTS

ALWAYS include white and yellow requisition copies in the specimen bag's pouch pocket (keep pink copy for your records). When labeling specimen, always include **two forms of patient identifiers** – patient's name and patient's Date of Birth (D.O.B.) and/or Social Security number. Patient's specimen **must be labeled** in the presence of the patient (or patient's representative).

HISTOLOGY

Specimen:

- **Formalin-fixed Tissue Biopsy** (use Formalin jar, green top)
- **Paraffin-embedded Biopsy**

WE ACCEPT BIOPSIES FROM ALL SITES, including **all skin and soft tissue biopsies following shave, punch, and excision procedures**.

Transport:

Place in biopsy bottle with 10% formalin fixative (use formalin jar with green top). Seal lid tightly. Label container with the patient's name, D.O.B. or Social Security number, location/type of specimen, and physician who performed the procedure. Place biopsy bottles in Acupath biohazard specimen bag, and zip pouch. Insert **ALL** paperwork in rear pouch.

FROZEN SECTION EVALUATION

Specimen:

- **Fresh Tissue** (use sterile container)

Transport:

Tissue in frozen section evaluation should be submitted in a **sterile container**. Must be prearranged with the pathologist and histology staff and the couriers, and delivered to the laboratory within 10-15 minutes of collection. The specimen should be kept cool—on ice pack or moist in saline gauze, and brought to the laboratory immediately*. Include **ALL** paperwork.

*Acupath offers a **Mobile Pathology Service** for Frozen Section Evaluations. Call 1-888-ACUPATH (228-7284) to learn more about how we can bring the lab to you at your convenience.

DIRECT IMMUNOFLUORESCENCE (DIF)

Specimen:

- **Skin or Mucous Membrane** (place in **MICHELE'S FIXATIVE**, **DO NOT PLACE IN FORMALIN**)

Transport:

All specimens undergoing DIF should be immediately placed in **MICHEL'S FIXATIVE** supplied by Acupath Laboratories, Inc. DIF specimen placed in fixative other than Michel's fixative will be rejected.

All DIF specimens should arrive in the laboratory within 24 hours of removal from the patient.

Bottles must have the patient's name, D.O.B. or Social Security number, location/type of specimen, and physician who performed the procedure on lime green label. Place bottles in Acupath biohazard specimen bag, and zip pouch. Insert **ALL** paperwork in rear pouch.

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ACUPATH SPECIMEN PICK-UP INSTRUCTIONS

FOR NY, NJ, AND CT:

Private courier pick-up available Monday through Saturday.

1. **Clients on scheduled pick-up service**—courier will pick up as scheduled.
2. **For clients *not* on scheduled pick-up**—call 1-888-ACUPATH (228-7284) where an Acupath representative can assist with arranging a pick-up.

FOR ALL OTHER STATES:

1. **Private courier service**—please contact your local sales representative to arrange for a scheduled specimen pick-up with courier or call 1-888-ACUPATH (228-7284) for further assistance.
2. **FedEx delivery:**
 - a. Place the Acupath specimen kit or specimen bag with requisition copy into the FedEx Clinical Package.
 - b. Attach the Acupath preprinted air bills to the clinical package (make sure under #7 that "Payment: Bill to Recipient" is selected and Acupath's FedEx account is provided).

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