

# OPHTHALMIC PATHOLOGY SPECIMEN REQUIREMENTS

**ALWAYS** include white and yellow requisition copies in the specimen kit or 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 PERIOCCULAR NEOPLASMS.**

### 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)

**DATE & TIME COLLECTED MUST BE INDICATED**  
on the requisition for **ALL** frozen specimens  
in compliance with  
NYS DOH, Joint Commission & CAP

### 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.

## FLOW CYTOMETRY

### Specimen:

- **Fine Needle Aspirate (FNA)/Tissue** (in complete **RPMI media**, 4 °C **Note:** RPMI media is a pink solution that may be requested from Acupath Laboratories. When ordering supplies, specify RPMI media tubes).

### Transport:

**ALL** FNA/Tissue should be transported in complete **RPMI media** at 4 °C **with cold pack(s)**. Label each **blue-top** tube, slide, and/or jar with the patient ID, and attach label to each specimen. Insert tube(s) into small zip-lock specimen bag and seal the plastic zipper along its entire track. Remember to keep the specimen cold with cold packs (may be requested from Acupath).

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