

ORTHOPEDIC 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 SITES**, including bone specimens to rule out Osteomyelitis.

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.

NON-GYN CYTOLOGY

Specimen:

- **Aspirate Material/Liquid Specimen** (use Fine Needle Aspiration (FNA) vial, ThinPrep® CytoLyt Solution, orange tube top)

Transport:

Use Cytology Kit for transport.

Place **liquid specimen** in prefilled ThinPrep® CytoLyt Solution collection vial (orange tube top). **DO NOT SUBMIT IN FORMALIN JAR.**

Container should be labeled with the patient's name, D.O.B. or Social Security number, location/type of specimen, and physician who performed the procedure. **SLIDES MUST BE LABELED IN PENCIL WITH PATIENT'S FIRST AND LAST NAME.** Place specimen containers in corresponding slots in tray located in cytology kit. Remove tray from cytology kit, place in biohazard specimen bag, then seal bag. Place tray back in cytology kit with **ALL** paperwork and close kit tight. **PLEASE DISCARD ANY UNUSED CONTAINERS.**

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