

PODIATRIC PATHOLOGY 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 or Dry Tissue Biopsy** (use formalin jar, green top)
- **Paraffin-embedded Biopsy**

We accept **all biopsies**, including:

- nail
- bone
- soft tissue biopsies

Note: nail biopsy specimens accepted in **both formalin or directly in specimen bag (dry)**. For faster turnaround, place nail in formalin.

Transport:

Place in 20 ml 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.

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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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