

# UROPATHOLOGY 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:

- prostate
- bladder
- testis
- vas deferens

### TRANSPORT:

#### **For prostate biopsy:**

Acupath provides 9 core or 12-16 core prostate kits. Place specimen in prefilled 10% formalin fixative container. Each container should be labeled with patient's name, location of specimen, and physician who performed procedure (see labels on requisitions). Place specimen containers in tray in biopsy kit. **Please Discard Any Unused Vials.**

#### **For all other biopsies:**

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.

## URINE CYTOLOGY

### SPECIMEN:

- **Fresh Urine** (40-50ml, or fill to top of urine specimen container, ThinPrep® PreservCyt Solution)

### TRANSPORT:

Place 40-50 ml of urine specimen in bottle with ThinPrep® PreservCyt Solution, and seal lid tightly. Container should be labeled with patient's name, D.O.B. or Social Security number, location of specimen, and physician who performed procedure. Place bottle into Acupath specimen bag, and zip pouch. Insert **ALL** paperwork in rear pouch.

## CYTOGENETICS/FISH

### **UroVysion™:**

### SPECIMEN:

- **Urine** (40-50ml, voided, urine specimen container, ThinPrep® PreservCyt Solution)

### TRANSPORT:

Place 40-50ml **non-mixed** urine into provided bottles. The urine should be mixed in a 2:1 ratio with ThinPrep® PreservCyt Solution. (i.e. if patient excretes 40ml of urine, then urine specimen should be mixed with 20ml of ThinPrep® PreservCyt Solution=60 ml of liquid in container).

**If the voided urine is not immediately collected**, then **keep at 4-8 degree °C** until it is picked up to prevent degradation of the cells. If the preferred collection preservative is unavailable, then only 70% Ethanol in a 2:1 ratio should be used as a substitute.



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Container should be labeled with patient's name, D.O.B. or Social Security number, location of specimen, and physician who performed procedure. Place bottle into Acupath specimen bag, and zip pouch. Insert **ALL** paperwork in rear pouch.

## DNA TESTING

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### DNA Ploidy:

#### SPECIMEN:

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

#### 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 into Acupath biohazard specimen bag, and zip pouch. Insert **ALL** paper work/requisition copies in rear pouch.

## CULTURE

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### Urine Culture:

#### SPECIMEN:

- **Urine** (minimum 1 ml, sterile container or vacuum container with boric acid)

For best results, use vacuum container with boric acid to preserve and transport specimen.

#### TRANSPORT:

Place urine into specimen container. Seal lid tightly. Label container with the patient's name and patient's D.O.B. or Social Security number, and attach label found on bottom of requisition, which serves as a form of patient identification. Place specimen container into Acupath biohazard specimen bag, and zip pouch. Complete test requisition (make sure patient information, date/time specimen was collected, test information, and billing information are completely filled out). Keep pink copy for your records. Insert **ALL** paper work/requisition copies in rear pouch.

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# ACUPATH SPECIMEN PICK-UP INSTRUCTIONS

## FOR NY, NJ, AND CT:

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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:

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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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