

Specimen Requirements

FOR PODIATRIC PATHOLOGY

ALWAYS include white and yellow requisition copies in the specimen bag's pouch pocket (keep pink copy for your records). If you use an EMR, please print out a copy of the e-requisition and include it with each specimen. 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).

We accept **all biopsies**, including:

- Bone Bunion • Hammer Toe • Joint Fluid • Nails • Skin • Soft Tissue

Histology

SPECIMEN:

- **Nail** (use formalin container)

Note: Nail biopsy specimens are accepted in formalin container preferably, but we will accept nail specimens in sterile container.

- **Tissue** (use formalin container)

- **Paraffin-embedded Block or on Stained Slides** – positively charged slides ONLY

Non-Gyn Cytology

- **Joint fluid – For crystal count:** Must submit fresh specimen in sterile container without using any type of fixative. Please do not send the needle with the specimen. Note: If specimen is obtained by syringe and the specimen volume or quality will be compromised by transfer from syringe to sterile container, we will accept syringe, however, the needle must be removed from the syringe and the syringe capped. The syringe must be labeled with proper patient identifiers.
- **Joint fluid – For non-gyn cytology:** Must submit fresh specimen in sterile container without using any type of fixative.

FISH (Fluorescence in situ Hybridization)

AcuProbe™ Melanoma and AcuProbe™ Spitz

SPECIMEN:

- **Formalin-fixed Tissue Biopsy** (use formalin container)
- **Paraffin-embedded Biopsy**

If submitting a previously diagnosed case for FISH only, please submit block and representative slides.

TRANSPORT:

Place in biopsy container with 10% formalin fixative (use formalin container) and seal lid tightly or place tubes, contained slides, paraffin blocks and capped syringes in Acupath biohazard specimen bag and zip pouch. Insert **ALL** paperwork in rear pouch. All containers, tubes, syringes and slides must be labeled with the patient's name and either D.O.B. or Social Security number. When possible, write the location/type of specimen and physician who performed the procedure. **During the summer months, use a cold pack when shipping a block. Blocks received melted in transit will be re-embedded.**

SLIDES MUST BE INDIVIDUALLY LABELED IN PENCIL WITH PATIENT'S FIRST AND LAST NAME

A leaking container can compromise the fixation and integrity or stability of the specimen.

Needles must be removed from all syringes, and the syringe must be capped.

Please note that we do not offer KOH and/or Podiatric Culture & Sensitivity Testing.



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