



SURGICAL SPECIMENS

Baker Memorial Laboratory accepts orders for laboratory testing from any MD or authorized individual as recognized by the State of NH.

Surgical Pathology Requisition:

- I. The following information should be recorded on the slip:
 - A. Date of birth
 - B. Legal name (no nicknames)
 - C. Sex
 - D. Patient address and insurance information
 - E. Visit ID # (assigned by admission)
 - F. Doctor's name
 - G. Check:
 1. IP: procedure done as inpatient
 2. OP: procedure done as outpatient or office patient
 3. SDS: procedure done in same day surgery
 - H. Tissue site and where it was obtained
 - I. Preoperative diagnosis
 - J. Pertinent clinical history
 - K. Date collected
- II. Acceptable Specimens
 - A. Frozen section (see separate listing for more details)
 - B. Foreign bodies removed during surgical procedure
 - C. Bones
 - D. Teeth
 - E. Tissues*

*Tissue submitted not in formalin represents a sub-optimal specimen. Upon arrival in the lab, the condition of the tissue will be documented on the requisition form and formalin will be added. The pathologists will discuss the quality of the specimen with the provider.
- III. Unacceptable Specimens

Surgical specimens are considered irreplaceable. Unlabeled specimens Will be referred to the risk manager for investigation. Testing will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- IV. Handling
 1. Surgical specimens – place in formalin
 2. Amputated limbs –
 - a. Wrap in multiple layers of plastic bags
 - b. Tie specimen securely
 - c. Deliver to lab and leave with slip
 - d. The laboratory staff will refrigerate.

V. Referral of Slides

Slides for referral can be arranged by contacting the pathology office at Valley Regional Hospital. (603-526-5637)

VI. NOTE: Specimens will not be returned to patients. (Exception: stones)