Histology/General Surgical COLLECTION INSTRUCTIONS

(HI-FR-0049) VERSION 1.2







MATERIALS PROVIDED

Pre-filled 10% formalin filled specimen container and specimen transport bag with absorbent spill pad.

CLINICAL PROCEDURE

- Wear appropriate PPE and follow all facility guidelines. 10% formalin contains formaldehyde which is: toxic by swallowing/inhalation, irritating to eyes/respiratory system/skin, causes sensitization, damage to eyes, and may cause cancer. Use in a well ventilated area.
- 2. Confirm patient identity.
- 3. Label all formalin containers with patient name, date of birth, and source site.
- 4. Place tissue(s) in formalin container, the volume of formalin in the container should be 20X that of the volume of the tissue. Close lid on container and ensure it is properly seated and does not leak.
- 5. Place formalin containers(s) into the specimen bag. Multiple containers from the same patient can be submitted in the same bag.
- 6. Place paper copies of face-sheets and requisitions into pouch on specimen bag.
- 7. Place completed biohazard bag into provided laboratory box/pack for shipping/pickup.
- 8. Seal the mailer and place a shipping label on the outside.
- 9. Place laboratory box/pack in the designated area for shipping/pickup.
- 10. If shipping/pickup is needed and not already scheduled, please call the lab.