



Eastside Pathology, Inc., P.S. Specimen Collection Manual

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LYMPH NODES FOR DIAGNOSTIC PURPOSES

Specimen Handling Procedures

Lymph nodes for diagnostic purposes (lymphoma) must be delivered to Eastside Pathology unfixed/fresh and in a sterile container. If a delivery delay is expected, the lymph node can be wrapped in saline soaked gauze to keep the specimen moist. Call Eastside Pathology for a specimen pick up.

Upon arrival at the lab, the following is performed by a Pathologists or a Gross Room Assistant.

1. Bisect the lymph node with a sterile knife blade.
2. Touch or smear the cut surface of the node to a clean glass slide.
3. Label the slide and submit for Wright's stain.
4. Place a portion of lymph node in a labeled 10% formalin container for routine processing.
5. Place a small portion of node in transport medium for possible Flow Cytometry and refrigerate.
6. If culturing is required, a portion will be saved in a sterile container and submitted for culture.
7. Review of the Wright's stain and the H & E slide will determine if further testing is necessary.

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1. Label specimen container with patients name or requisition number.
2. Complete the requisition, including the following patient information:
 - a. Patient name, date of birth, age, address and insurance information
 - b. Physicians name
 - c. Specimen source and date collected
 - d. Any pertinent information or observations including any related history
3. Place the lymph node in the sterile container. Make sure the cap is screwed on tightly.
4. Place the container inside a biohazard bag and the requisition into the side pouch.