

Procedure for Shipping Fixed Tissue

1. Download the biopsy submission request form, complete the form, and provide a copy within the packing slip pouch or packaging.
 - 1.1. Include the following information on the specimen label: patient name, owner name, referring veterinarian and clinic information.
2. Ensure formalin completely covers the specimen in a 10:1 ratio.
3. Use a triple packaging system when shipping formalin fixed specimens.
 - 3.1. Place the specimen into in a leakproof primary container (i.e., screw top plastic jar).
 - 3.2. Place the primary container into a secondary container (i.e., sealable bag) and place sufficient absorbent (i.e., paper towel) in the secondary container to absorb fluid leak.
 - 3.3. Wrap the secondary container in bubble wrap or packing peanuts to reduce shifting during transportation. A Styrofoam cooler is useful during extreme temperatures with cool packs to help maintain an ambient temperature.
 - 3.4. Place within a shipping container (i.e., rigid cardboard box) that has been appropriately labeled.
4. FedEx is the preferred shipping method. Please do not ship using USPS; USPS mail is delivered to a central campus location before being distributed to our lab, delaying transit time of sensitive laboratory samples.
5. Notify the service when a specimen has shipped and electronically submit the biopsy request form.

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