

LABORATORY COLLECTION MANUAL	PROCEDURE FOR DISPOSITION OF BREAST TISSUE
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PROCEDURE:

Breast tissue removed during surgery that is sent to the Pathology Department and **MUST NOT** be placed in formalin.

Breast tissue for needle localization is sent to the Radiology Department for X-Ray from OR. *(The Pathology Department must be notified when breast tissue has been taken to the Radiology Department.)* The Radiology Department brings the specimen (on a grid) and the X-Ray to the Pathology Department. The specimen, labeled with patient label (or at least name and Date of Birth) and placed in a biohazard bag, is accompanied by a request. The request is a "OPERATING ROOM PATHOLOGY REPORT" request (duplicate form #2512), a patient label is placed on the top right corner of both sheets. A description of the specimen received should also be on the form. The grid is labeled longitudinally and laterally so that the areas for diagnostic findings are easily found and they can be compared to the X-Ray.

The pathologist then grosses the specimen, if there are gross findings, the pathologist will have a frozen section cut and will screen this section immediately. The pathologist will then call the physician in the OR room and give them a diagnosis over the telephone or over the intercom system. The pathologist will hand write the diagnosis on the "OPERATING ROOM PATHOLOGY REPORT" sheet and will sign it. The top copy of this signed report will be taken to the OR and will be placed on the patient's chart. The second copy is for the pathology file. The remainder of the specimen is processed for permanent section.

If there is no diagnostic path grossly, there is no Frozen section cut. The pathologist will hand write the gross findings on the "OPERATING ROOM PATHOLOGY REPORT" sheet, which is taken to OR and the specimen is processed as usual. The OR Department completes a Surgical Pathology/Cytology Form after the case is over. The Request for Service Surgical and any additional tissue will be placed in the holding collection container in OR. The pathology department will sign the Pathology Log Book and specimens are then taken to pathology for processing.

1. Excision of Breast masses.
2. All types of mastectomies
3. True cut needle biopsies.

For all mastectomy procedures, tissue is sent for further studies in order to better determine the best treatment regime. The pathologists will order and send these tests, and there will be an additional charge to the patient.

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