

LABORATORY COLLECTION MANUAL	PROCEDURES FOR SENDING BRONCHIAL SPECIMENS TO LABORATORY AND PATHOLOGY
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- ✓ Bronchial Specimens may consist of Bronchial Washings, Bronchial Brushings, and/or Bronchial Biopsies.
 - ✓ To order Bronchial Specimens for Pathology a Pathology Surgical/Cytology form is completed.
 - ✓ To order cultures for microbiology please refer to the current LIS instruction.

*****After the specimen is ordered, the labels print, so that all parts of the specimen collected can be labeled. (Must be labeled with at least patient's name and date of birth*****

- ✓ Take the labeled washings to Microbiology. Tell the personnel the specimen is for split specimens. This should be indicated on the Surgical Pathology/Cytology Form .
- ✓ If Bronchial biopsies are taken, these must be put in Formalin. A separate Surgical Pathology/Cytology Form must accompany this specimen. Leave this specimen in Pathology.
- ✓ When a Cytology brush is used to obtain a specimen during a bronchoscopy, cut off the end on the brush, allowing at least 6" of the brush devise to remain. Place in a specimen bag and send to the lab. **DO NOT ADD FORMALIN** or any other solution to the specimen. **TAKE SPECIMEN TO LAB IMMEDIATELY!!**
- ✓ If it is after hours or a weekend and pathologist is gone, the OR nurse needs to call the laboratory. Laboratory personnel will be responsible for notifying the pathology department.

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