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Sending tissue through the Post - VPDS Histopathology

1. Place tissue in 10% neutral buffered formalin (volume tissue to formalin 1:20) in a screw cap container (wide neck). Fix for 6-24 hours. Please label all specimen jars with patient name, tissue type and date of collection.
 - a. Eyes should have eyelids removed and fixed whole. Eyes can be injected with 7-10% formalin gently (without distortion of tissue) and placed into 10% neutral buffered formalin in a screw top jar (wide neck). Fix for 6-24 hours.
 - b. Eyes must be in a specimen container so they are not damaged.
 - c. Label jar as above.
2. Remove most to all of the fixative after tissue has been fixed. Place some gauze moistened with formalin into a zip lock plastic bag or specimen container, add the tissue and seal. Place this bag into another zip lock bag or sealed container to minimize leakage. **DO NOT LET SPECIMENS DRY OUT** during transport.

Please do not put tape under lids of containers containing formalin. It acts as a channel for the formalin to leak out. Screw the cap on firmly and put the container in a specimen bag.

Place this bagged specimen into another specimen bag. Then place all information into outer bag so paperwork does not touch the specimen jar (in case of spillage).

3. Send by post or courier.

** If excess liquid /formalin is sent through the mail, it must be labelled as 10% NB Formalin under legislation with an MSDS. NO concentrated formalin (>10%) should be sent via mail.

Please do not hesitate to contact us for more information on 612 9351 3188 (for histology enquiries) or 612 9351 7456 (other).

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