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* PROCEDURE *

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Minor Procedure

(Scope)

TITLE: SURGICAL/ENDOSCOPIC SPECIMEN PROCEDURE

PURPOSE: All excised tissue or material will be sent to the Laboratory for analysis.

SUPPLIES:

1. Surgical specimen
2. Specimen bottle, half filled with Formalin solution
3. Enter Order Slips from Affinity
4. If patient is an outpatient, yellow card sent with patient
5. Glass slides and fixative for Pap smears

CONTENT: PROCEDURE

KEY POINTS

1. Place surgical or endoscopic specimen in bottle under sterile conditions.
2. Label bottle with patient's information and specimen Information.
3. Enter all requests for lab on Enter Order Program of Affinity on computer.
4. Time stamp all specimens in Laboratory.

EXCEPTIONS:

1. Foreign bodies such as fishhooks, needles, pins.
2. Foreign bodies in orifices; i.e. infant putting beads in nose or ear, insects from ears.
3. Excised wound edges from debriding of normal tissue for better wound closure unless ordered by MD.

Reference: Pathology Lab Specimen Collection Guidelines 9/04
Bacteriology Specimen Collection Guidelines 8/19/03