

Specimen Collection and Shipping Kits for either Fluid/Cytology Brush Specimens or Histology/Cytology Slides should be used and are available upon request.

Paraffin Embedded, Formalin Fixed Tissue Resection or Biopsy	<p>Recut eight (8) sections at 4-5 microns thick from each tissue block and prepare individual slides.</p> <p>1) Stain <u>one</u> of the recut slides with H&E stain and cover slip.</p> <p>2) Deparaffinize the remaining recut slides through Xylene (or equivalent) and alcohol. Air dry. <u>Do not cover slip.</u></p> <p>⇒ Send most representative section(s). Include 1 section with non-neoplastic tissue.</p> <p>⇒ Label H & E and recut slides with pathology/surgical or other number for proper identification.</p> <p>⇒ Do not send original H&E stained slides as RedPath Integrated Pathology will retain all slides for testing.</p> <p>⇒ Ship at room temperature. Do not pack glass slides with recut sections face to face during shipment.</p> <p>⇒ Fixatives accepted: 10% buffered formalin, B6, Paraformaldehyde and most common fixatives.</p> <p>⇒ Decalcified or bleached tissues, or tissues fixed in Zenker's or Bouin's fixatives are NOT acceptable</p>
Cytology Slides	<p>Stained cytology slide, cover slip must be removed.</p> <p>⇒ Send slide(s) with most representative cells.</p> <p>⇒ Indicate if slide is from a smear, ThinPrep[®] or cell block (Refer to paraffin embedded tissue requirements)</p> <p>⇒ Ensure that slide(s) are well labeled for proper identification with the cytology/pathology number.</p> <p>⇒ Ship at room temperature. Do not pack glass slides face to face during shipment.</p> <p>⇒ Fixatives accepted: Ethanol, Methanol or most common cytology fixatives.</p> <p>⇒ Papanicolaou stain preferred. If Pap stained slides are not available, please contact RedPath prior to submitting.</p>
Fluid Aspirates Pancreatic Cyst, Pancreatic Juice, Cyst Fluids, Other Fluids	<p>Collect 500µL (200µL minimum) of fluid and transfer into the supplied sterile 2mL tube(s).</p> <p>⇒ If fluid is collected from more than one site, e.g., multiple cysts, place each fluid specimen into a separate tube.</p> <p>⇒ Do not submit fluids diluted in fixative.</p> <p>⇒ Screw the cap on tightly. Leaking specimen containers are not acceptable. Label each tube with collection date, organ site of collection and two patient identifiers, e.g., name and date of birth or SSN/MRN.</p> <p>⇒ A Buccal Brush or peripheral whole blood specimen is required for a control. Label properly as for fluids.</p> <p>⇒ Place the tube(s) containing all of the specimens into the biohazard specimen bag with absorbent material.</p> <p>⇒ Ship overnight at room temperature. Store at 2 - 8°C refrigerated, if unable to ship on the same day</p>
Cytology Brush	<p>Detach brush head and place in the supplied sterile 2 mL tube. Do NOT rinse or immerse cytology brush in medium. Screw the cap on tightly.</p> <p>⇒ Label the tube with collection date, organ site of collection and two patient identifiers, e.g., name and date of birth or SSN/MRN.</p> <p>⇒ A Buccal Brush or whole blood specimen is required for a control. Label properly as for the cytology brush.</p> <p>⇒ Place the tube(s) containing all specimens into the biohazard specimen bag with absorbent material.</p> <p>⇒ Ship overnight at room temperature. Store at 2 - 8°C refrigerated, if unable to ship on the same day</p>
Normal Control (Buccal Brush or Peripheral Whole Blood)	<p>Collect buccal cells for normal control.</p> <p>⇒ Have patient rinse mouth 2-3 times with water, or drink a glass of water.</p> <p>⇒ Rub <u>sterile</u> nylon bristle brush firmly on inside cheek 6-8 times (15-20 seconds) to collect cells.</p> <p>⇒ Air dry brush for one minute; place back in its container. Label tube with two patient identifiers and collection date.</p> <p>Or collect whole blood sample in a lavender top (EDTA) tube or a yellow top (ACD Solution A or B) tube.</p> <p>⇒ Ship overnight at room temperature. Store specimens at 2 - 8°C refrigerated, if unable to ship on the same day.</p>
Shipping Overnight delivery	<p>⇒ Ensure that the requisition is completed, signed and dated. Include billing information by completing the requisition, attach a face sheet or a copy of the front and back of the patient's insurance card.</p> <p>⇒ Use Biohazard Specimen Bag with absorbent material for unfixed specimens. Place specimens in the sealed container pouch with absorbent material. For optimal stability of fluid specimens, enclose a frozen PolarPack (or equivalent) in the Styrofoam shipping box.</p> <p>⇒ Place requisition and other supporting documentation including the cytology/pathology report (if available) in separate outer pouch of the biohazard bag.</p> <p>⇒ Place the specimen biohazard bag and all documentation in shipping box and FedEx clinpak, and ship priority overnight.</p> <p>⇒ NOTE: If shipping on Friday, check "[✓] SATURDAY Delivery" box in Section 6 of the FedEx Airbill.</p>

Contact Client Services at 1-800-495-9885 with any questions regarding specimen submission or to request Specimen Collection and Shipping Kits.

Submitters are required to follow all local, state, federal and international laws when submitting specimens. RedPath Integrated Pathology will not be held responsible for any liability attributable to the shipper's improper actions or failure to comply with regulations.