###### Purpose

To provide a procedure for the dissection of a resected portion of brain for a tumor.

1. **Principle**

To take histologic sections to demonstrate any possible pathologic process present so that a diagnosis can be made microscopically by a Pathologist.

###### Equipment

1. Ruler
2. Forceps
3. Scalpel
4. **Safety**
5. **PPE** should be worn.
6. **FORMALIN** is a known carcinogen.
7. **Supplies and Reagents**
8. **10% NEUTRAL BUFFERED FORMALIN** (pH range 6.9 – 7.2)
9. **Quality Control**

All remaining tissue should be retained.

1. **Limitations/ Notes**

The following may influence the validity of test results:

1. The specimen should be fixed in formalin.
2. For optimal results, the specimen should be fixed overnight.
3. **Procedure**
4. Measure the specimen (3 dimensions – cm.).
5. If multiple portions of tissue are present, measure the specimen as an aggregate (3 dimensions – cm.).
6. Describe the color and consistency of the specimen.
7. Serially section the specimen and describe the cut surfaces.
8. The specimen should be submitted entirely.
9. If submitting the entire specimen will exceed 10 cassettes, consult the Neuropathologist assigned to the case as to how much tissue should be submitted.
10. If CUSA contents, Sonopet contents, or mucus trap contents are received with the specimen, submit 2 cassettes.
11. The cassette(s) should be loaded on the appropriate end of day tissue processor.
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