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Fixative Policy

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PURPOSE

To specify what fixatives are used in Anatomic Pathology.

SCOPE

This policy encompasses Histotechnologists, Gross Room Staff, Hospital Faculty and Staff.

POLICY

1. 10% Formalin (buffered) is the routine fixative of choice.
2. Sorenson's fixative is used for renal biopsy Light Microscopy fixation.
3. Pen-Fix (Richard Allan product) used primarily to fix fatty specimens prior to grossing.
4. Alcoholic Formalin (Anatech product) only used on the tissue processor. It is purchased in concentrate form and prepared according to the manufacturer.
5. Karnovsky's for EM is prepared by the EM Lab.
6. RPMI is prepared by Hematopathology.
7. DNA Flow Media is prepared by DNA Flow Cytometry.

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