**UW Medicine - Pathology**

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Holding Gross Specimens Procedure

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PURPOSE

To identify specimens that need to be held for teaching purposes, define the length of time the specimen is held, and who is requesting the specimen be held.

POLICY

*Note:* Wet tissue is retained for two weeks after the case is finalized. Interesting surgical cases are retained for Gross Review Conference and other teaching purposes.

1. Enter the hold request into PowerPath. Open Req Data tab, scroll down to Specimen Discard and enter the hold information; person requesting hold, length of hold, etc…
2. Be sure container is clearly labeled as hold.

Written By: Director Approval:

(Signature and Date) (Signature and Date)

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