**UW Medicine - Pathology**

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Hematopathology Tissue Procurement Procedure

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PURPOSE

To properly obtain and send tissue for Hematopathology testing.

SCOPE

All specimens that arrive in the Gross Room for which tissue is to be procured for Hematopathology testing.

PROCEDURE

1. All Hematopathology testing must have attending pathologist approval prior to being sent. Residents are allowed to send a specimen to Hemepath with a verbal OK. Do not hold tissue in RPMI overnight or in the gross room refrigerator. Holding tissue in transport media past 48 hours increases risk of fungal and bacterial growth.
2. Using a clean (new) scalpel blade, obtain three small sections of tumor (about 0.5 cm). Cut into small pieces and place in RPMI, pink solution in wide blue top tube. Fill out the Hematopathology request form. Also make a copy of the surgical Pathology Request From and attach it to the Hemepath form. The resident should list the ordering physician, the Attending Pathologist, and the resident on the form to ensure a copy of the report is sent to them. Support staff will act as a back up if this is forgotten. Send all forms with the specimen in a biohazard bag

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1. Place specimen and paperwork on the top shelf of the Frozen Room refrigerator. This will be checked throughout the day by support staff, 8am-4pm, Monday-Friday.
2. After 4pm take tissue to the Central Processing Laboratory (NW-220), across from Histology. They will insure it gets to Hematopathology 24 hours a day 7 days a week.
3. Residents are responsible to call and cancel the set up on the case when needed.

Written By: Director Approval:

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