**UW Medicine - Pathology**

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Transport of Neuropathology Specimens Procedure

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PURPOSE

To define the process of sending Neuropathology specimens to Harborview for review.

PROCEDURE

1. All neuropathology specimens will be fixed in formalin at UWMC Pathology except for muscle and nerve biopsies. Muscle and nerve biopsies will be transported on wet ice in a Styrofoam container. Please reference muscle and nerve biopsy procedures and protocols in the specimen handling section.
2. Specimens and materials to be transported should be logged into the neuropathology transport log book. Please record the NP number, patient name, specimen and date sent.
3. Notify Harborview Neuropathology, at 744-6315, that a muscle or nerve biopsy is being sent. Place specimens in a black neuropathology transport box. Make sure outside white address card is turned to read shipping to HMC Neuropathology. Place this box in the front office for NCM Courier rush pick up.
4. Request the front office staff to call NCM for a rush pick up.

Written By: Director Approval:

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