**UW Medicine - Pathology**

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Packing Requirements for Transportation of Specimens Procedure

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PURPOSE

To properly package and label specimens for shipping.

PROCEDURE

Federal and international regulations mandate the proper packaging and transportation of infectious substances. Infectious materials are now classified into two categories, category A (Infectious Substances) and Category B (Biological substances. Specific requirements apply to domestic transportation by land, air or sea.

All Personnel who package specimens for shipment must satisfactorily complete certified training requirements. Certified training is required every 2 years.

If a certified staff member is not available to package the specimen please contact EH&S for packaging assistance.

REFERENCE

General Specimen Transport / Hazardous Material Transport Policy, 6000-01-06-05

Written By: Director Approval:

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