

HOW TO SEND A SAMPLE?

Labelling Criteria/ Pre-requisites

- Name, Age , Sex & date of specimen collection
- Type of specimen, (Site / Source)
- Relevant clinical history and radiological findings

Sample Fixation Guidelines

- All tissue samples should be fixed in 10% Neutral Buffered Formalin
- Place specimens in a wide necked container (approved for use with formalin), with the ratio of formalin to tissue > 10:1.
- For rapid fixation of larger lesions and tumors, cut a section 0.5-1cm wide through the centre of the specimen.
- Open hollow organs, such as intestinal segments, prior to placing them in a fixative.

Transport Guidelines

- All samples should be placed in a well-sealed, leak proof bag containing enough absorbent material for the volume of formalin.
- Fixed tissue which is to be mailed may be placed in a leak proof plastic bag or container with a formalin soaked gauze to keep the tissue moist. (ensure adequate fixation has occurred prior to transportation)

For Immunofluoresence : Please send the sample in freshly prepared Michel's medium.

NOTE: Michel's Medium is available on request.

Paraffin blocks can be submitted for second opinion and ancillary tests like IHC and molecular tests. The home collection facility is available for picking up the paraffin blocks.