

Specimens Exempt From All Gross &/Or Microscopic Review

Histology – Anatomic Pathology

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Applies to former Saskatoon Health Region area

ANATOMIC PATHOLOGY – SPECIMENS EXEMPT FROM ALL GROSS &/OR MICROSCOPIC REVIEW

- All specimens not specifically mentioned on following list **must** be submitted to the Anatomic Pathology laboratory for examination;
- For specimen or devices which are not submitted to the Anatomic Pathology Laboratory and which are not on the list below, an alternative procedure must be used to document their removal and disposition (for example, failed medical devices which may have contributed to patient injury; failed devices for which litigation is pending; devices subject to tracking under the *Safe Medical Devices Act* etc.);
- Irrespective of the exemptions listed below, microscopic examination will be performed whenever the attending physician requests it, or at the discretion of the pathologist when such an examination is indicated by the gross findings or the clinical history;
- A pathology report will be generated for every specimen submitted to the Anatomic Pathology Laboratory.

SPECIMEN TYPE	GROSS EXAMINATION ONLY	EXEMPT
Abdominal Pannus	√	
Accessory Digits	√	
Amputation (trauma or physical deformity)	√	
Bone donated to the bone bank		√
Bone or cartilage removed from the arthritic joints during joint replacement surgery		√
Bone segments removed as part of corrective orthopedic procedures (for example: rotator cuff, synostosis repair, spinal fusion)		√
Bunions and hammer toes	√	
Calculi (renal bladder etc.) are sent for chemical analysis and description	√	
Cataracts removed by phyoemulsification		√
Dental appliance		√
Disc Materials	√	
Extraocular muscle from corrective surgical procedures (strabismus repair)	√	
Fat removed by liposuction		√
Femoral head removed for prosthesis (if straight forward)	√	
Foreign bodies, such as bullets or medicolegal evidence that is given directly to law enforcement personnel		√
Foreskin from the circumcision of a newborn		√
Gangrenous and traumatized limbs	√	
Inguinal hernia sacs in adults	√	
Intrauterine contraceptive devices without attached soft tissue		√
Loose bodies (joints)	√	
Medical devices such as catheters, gastrostomy tubes, myringotomy tubes, stents and sutures that have not contributed to patient illness, injury or death		√

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Middle ear ossicles		√
Nasal bone and cartilage from rhinoplasty or septoplasty	√	
Nasal polyps (repeat removal, clinically not suspicious)		√
Orthopedic hardware and other radiopaque mechanical devices provided there is an alternative policy for documentation		√
Placentas which do not meet the criteria for examination		√
Products of conception from elective therapeutic abortions with grossly recognizable fetal parts	√	
Prosthetic breast implants	√	
Prosthetic cardiac valves without attached tissue	√	
Rib segments or other tissue removed only for the purpose of gaining surgical access from patients who do not have a history of malignancy		√
Saphenous vein segments harvested for coronary artery bypass		√
Skin or other normal tissue removed during cosmetic or reconstructive procedures (blepharoplasty, cleft palate repair, abdominoplasty, rhinectomy or syndactyly repair) that is not contiguous with a lesion and that is taken from a patient who does not have a history of malignancy		√
Teeth without attached soft tissue		√
Therapeutic radioactive sources		√
Toenails and fingernails that are grossly unremarkable		√
Tonsil and adenoids if not clinically suspicious		√
Torn meniscus	√	
Umbilical hernia sacs in children	√	
Vaginal wall fragments removed from plastics repairs		√
Varicose veins	√	