

Division of Genetic Diagnostics Laboratory

Tumor Specimens

The Division of Genetic Diagnostics Laboratory provides the following requirements for tumor specimens:

Amount needed	2mm punch or 2-4mm ² tissue section. Fine needle aspiration specimens need to be 1 cm long.
Quality	Obtained aseptically at the time of surgery.
Collection/Transport Container	Sterile centrifuge tube with sterile transport media (available from the laboratory) or sterile saline placed in a sealed plastic biohazard transport bag. The containers must be leak-proof. DO NOT PLACE IN FORMALIN!
Specimen Labeling	All specimen containers must be clearly labeled with the patient's full name and identifying number. All specimens must be accompanied by an appropriate laboratory requisition form.
Storage Conditions	Room temperature; may be refrigerated if overnight. Sample should be sent out for immediate delivery to the laboratory.
Transport Temperature	Room temperature
Other	

Our laboratory's current test methods, including performance specifications, are available upon request to clients. Please contact the lab if requesting these documents.