The Specimen Catalog is a way to query our current inventory of samples collected since January 2014. To officially request samples for research, a tissue request form or blood request form must be submitted to the resource manager. See the UTSTR website for links to those forms.

Link: [http://swlxcatdb1.swmed.edu:8080/openspecimen/#/specimen-catalog](http://swlxcatdb1.swmed.edu:8080/openspecimen/#/specimen-catalog)

1. Clicking on the link will bring you to this page:

![Specimen Catalog at a Glance](image1.png)

2. Click on blue View Specimens icon (top right corner) to reach the Specimen Catalog

![Specimen Catalog at a Glance](image2.png)
3. Use the Filters on the left side to identify cases

4. Click on the Clinical Diagnosis filter to see options
   You can also type your choice on the Search Filter Value line

5. Similarly, click on the Anatomic Site to see options
   You can also type your choice on the Search Filter Value line

6. Click on the Pathological Status to see options
   - Malignant: invasive cancer cases
   - Malignant, Pre-Invasive: in situ cases
   - Non-Malignant: non-cancerous (benign) cases
   - Non-Malignant, Diseased: non-cancerous, but not normal cases
   - Not Specified: Other

7. Click on Type to see options
   - Body Cavity Fluid: ascites, pleural effusion, cyst fluid, etc.
   - Buffy Coat
   - Fixed Tissue: FFPE tissue block
   - Frozen Tissue: Snap frozen tissue aliquot
   - Plasma
   - Serum
8. Click on **Gender** filter to choose between *Female* and *Male* patients

9. Click on **Race** filter to select
   - American Indian or Alaska Native
   - Asian
   - Black or African American
   - Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
   - White

10. Click on **Ethnicity** filter to select
    - Hispanic or Latino
    - Not Hispanic or Latino

11. Click on **Grade Value** to select tumor registry values for specimens

12. Click on **TNM Path T Value** to select tumor registry values for specimens

13. Click on **TNM Path N Value** to select tumor registry values for specimens

14. Click on **TNM Path M Value** to select tumor registry values for specimens

15. If you are interested in purchasing samples, you may select samples and send an email to the resource manager.

After you have selected the options and generated a list of specimens, click on the specimens individually to proceed to the next step

Specimens highlighted in yellow can be added to the cart.
16. Click on green **Add to Cart** icon on the top right corner to add those highlighted specimens

17. Click on blue **Cart** icon to review the specimens selected

18. Click on **X** on the right side to remove specimens from the list

19. Click on the blue **Confirm Request** icon or **Back to Search** option at the bottom. If you are interested in purchasing samples, please select confirm request and continue to follow the prompts. The resource manager will be notified and will contact you to get additional information.

20. On the Confirm Request page, fill appropriate information and click on blue **Submit Request** icon
21. A message stating “Request placed successfully” will appear briefly on the top right corner and disappear. The resource manager will be notified and contact you further to discuss your research needs.