
INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS FOR PATHOLOGY SPECIMENS

Specimens submitted for Pathology testing must meet collection criteria. Those not meeting the criteria must have discrepancies resolved prior to reporting.

All specimens must be clearly labeled and requisitions completed at the point of collection.

The specimen container label must include, at a minimum, two unique patient identifiers and:

- First and last name of the patient
- Date of birth of patient
- Date and time of collection
- Source of the specimen to including any specific identifying notations

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- First and last name of the patient
- Date of birth of patient
- Patient address
- Patient phone number, if available
- Pre and/or post procedure diagnoses
- ICD9 codes
- Billing and Insurance information
- First and last name of submitting physician
- First and last name of any 'copy to' provider
- Source of the specimen to including any specific identifying notations
- Pertinent clinical information
- Date of specimen collection

Please refer to specific specimen collection and handling procedures in this manual for additional information. Further questions regarding specimen collection and preservation can be directed to the Department of Pathology at 663-7396.