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## TISSUE SUBMISSION POLICY

**TABLE I**

**Specimens which do not require pathologist's examination (unless requested)**

Lens cataract  
 Clinically normal tissue removal during cosmetic procedure, (e.g. blepharoplasty, etc.),  
 Placentas from routine and uncomplicated cases that appears grossly normal  
 Extraocular muscle and tendon tissue from strabismus  
 Oral hardware (arch bars, wires, bone plates, screws, etc.) and dental appliances  
 Therapeutic radioactive sources  
 Foreskin from newborn circumcision  
 Scars/debridement of recent burns  
 Fat contents from liposuction  
 Thrombi from vascular access grafts  
 Skin and subcutaneous tissue from abdominoplasty  
 Orthopedic appliances (hardware) and other radiopaque mechanical devices removal at surgery  
 Medical devices not contributing to patient illness, injury, or death (e.g. gastrostomy tubes, stents, sutures, catheters, etc.)  
 Pacemaker devices  
 Prosthetic or reconstructive implants and appliances: (e.g. penile implants, tissue expanders, etc.)

**\*\*Exception: all mammary implants are presently sent**

Teeth  
 Toenails and fingernails that are grossly unremarkable

**TABLE II**

**Specimens requiring only gross examination.**

Foreign bodies removed at surgery or endoscopy  
 Mammary implants  
 Intrauterine contraceptive devices  
 Tonsils and adenoids (age <15)  
 Portion of rib removed to provide operative exposure  
 Nasal septum from septoplasty  
 Uvula and soft palate (for sleep apnea)  
 Renal calculi (sent for chemical analysis)  
 Bunionectomy  
 Bone segments removed as part of corrective or reconstructive orthopedic procedures

**TABLE III**  
**Specimens which may require special handling**  
**(Notify pathologist to promptly examine fresh unfixed tissue)**

Renal biopsy  
Lymph Node biopsy  
Breast biopsy  
Muscle biopsy  
Open lung biopsy  
Nerve biopsy