Lymph Node Specimen Submission Options

Dg: Suspected Lymphoma Atypical Lymphocytes Flow Cytometry ordered by clinician

Option #1 (Includes Flow Cytometry)	Option #2 (Includes Flow Cytometry)	Option #3
Scheduled time of surgical removal allows for RECEIPT of specimen at CRPL before 3:00 PM, Mon-Thurs., or before noon on Friday.	Scheduled time of surgical removal later in the day or evening Monday -Thursday. Specimen cannot be delivered to CRPL prior to lab close Mon-Thurs.	Scheduled time of surgical removal Friday <i>afternoon or over the weekend.</i>
Notify CRPL by phone of pending surgery / specimen submission.	Notify CRPL by phone of pending surgery / specimen submission.	
Client: Submit specimen fresh, wrapped in saline-soaked gauze, accompanied by completed path requisition including clinical / pre-op diagnosis. Arrange for <u>immediate</u> delivery to CRPL via courier.	Client: Surgeon to remove piece for flow cytometry studies and place into RPMI solution (may be stored on-site in the refrigerator; available from CRPL upon request). Remainder of specimen would be placed into formalin. Specimens would be packaged and sent to CRPL with scheduled afternoon courier or, for those obtained in the evening, by arranged courier the following morning. Note: RPMI specimen must arrive at CRPL within 24 hrs of removal.	<i>Client:</i> Submit specimen in formalin (routine collection procedure). Specimen is stable in formalin. Deliver to CRPL on next routine scheduled courier run.
CRPL does gross evaluation, imprints, removal and placement of portion into RPMI for flow cytometry, forward that specimen for testing, routine processing/microscopic evaluation, and any IHC stains as requested by assigned hematopathologist. Flow cytometry and pathology results are coordinated and reported.	CRPL forwards tissue in RPMI for flow cytometry. Routine gross/ microscopic evaluation and any necessary IHC stains will be done on formalin –fixed tissue. Flow cytometry and pathology results are coordinated and reported.	CRPL does routine gross and microscopic evaluation on formalin-fixed tissue. Pathologist orders IHC stains as necessary. No Flow Cytometry can be done on these specimens. Paraffin blocks will be available for any applicable special studies. Pathology results are reported.