

Complete anatomic pathology services are available, including routine surgical pathology, frozen sections, special stains and immunohistochemistry.

Surgical pathology

Surgical specimens are received in 10 percent neutral buffered formalin by 4 p.m. for overnight processing and next day reporting. The tissue is sectioned and reported by the pathologist on a daily weekday basis. Frozen sections are available in the clinic and hospital from 8 a.m.–5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Frozen sections not within working hours should be scheduled with the pathologist on call, if possible.

Emergency frozen sections or operating room consults are available on a 24 hour, seven day a week basis and should be arranged with the pathologist on call.

Special procedures

Please schedule at least 24 hours in advance:

- Renal biopsies: The pathologist will be available to evaluate adequacy of specimen. Special fixatives and handling are required.
- Muscle/nerve biopsies: Special fixatives and handling are required.
- Cilia biopsies: Special fixatives and handling are required.

Other unusual specimens or requests for surgical pathology should be coordinated with the histology department or a pathologist.

Specimen reports for routine cases are sent by computer within two working days, unless additional studies are needed. Telephone reports by a pathologist for both in-house and out-of-town specimens are made on request.