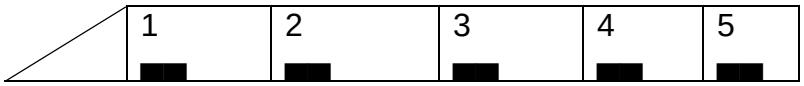
9 SPECIMEN COLLECTION AND PREPARATION

9.1 Endoscopic biopsies

Endoscopy biopsies should be sent to the department on a Nitrocellulose strip. This will be trimmed at one end and the first sample should be placed in the first square as close to the base of the strip as possible as indicated in the diagram below:



- The top line corresponds to the number of the biopsy and the bottom line corresponds to the position of the tissue.
- The Histology request form should indicate the location of the numbered biopsy which will be placed on the cellulose strip in Endoscopy as the samples are taken.
- Once the biopsies are placed onto the Nitrocellulose strip (up to a maximum of 8 per strip) they can be placed into a sample container with 10% Neutral buffered formalin to fix. The request form and the specimen container should then be sent to the Laboratory for processing.
- Upper or lower tract samples (up to a maximum of 8) can all be placed on one strip and sent to the laboratory in one specimen container. See picture below: