



10 SPECIMEN REQUIREMENTS FOR FRESH TISSUE

Frozen sections cannot be performed on any High Risk Specimens

10.1 Frozen Sections

The application and relevance of frozen sections **must** be discussed with a Consultant Cellular Pathologist (refer to section 3 for contact details) and must be **booked in advance**. *Failure to discuss the case with a Cellular Pathologist or to book in advance may lead to delays in the reporting of a frozen section.*

10.1.1 QEH specimen requirements for frozen sections:

- Patients requiring frozen section at QE are normally highlighted on the theatre list printed daily in the laboratory.
- For unexpected requested these must be booked by telephoning the Histology Main Laboratory (0191 445 6580).
- Patient and specimen details should be passed on to a Biomedical Scientist along with an estimated time of arrival of the specimen.
- Cases for frozen section are best placed at the start of a theatre list but the timing may require discussion with the relevant Pathologist as should any problematic case.
- Tissue must be placed into a dry pot and delivered immediately to the main pathology reception area by hand and passed directly to a member of the reception staff informing them of the nature of the specimen.
- A **theatre contact number** must be clearly shown on the request form.
- Histology request forms and specimen pots must be labelled according the Pathology Sample Acceptance Policy (refer to sections 6 &7).
- Please contact the Histology Laboratory on 0191 445 6580 in the event of any delays or cancellations.

10.1.2 SRH specimen requirements for frozen sections:

- These must be booked by telephoning the Histology Main Laboratory (Ext. 6580) at least 24 hours in advance.
- Patient and specimen details should be passed on to a Biomedical Scientist along with an estimated time of arrival of the specimen at Sunderland Pathology reception. **This is essential to ensure relevant personnel are available and for the transportation of the sample to QEH.**
- Cases for frozen section are best placed at the beginning of a theatre list if possible.
- Tissue must be placed into a dry pot. The lab at QEH should be contacted at this point on 0191 445 6580 to inform them that the sample is ready for collection and the blue light transport arrangement can be initiated. The specimen should then be delivered **immediately** to the Pathology reception on B floor Sunderland Royal Hospital by hand and passed directly to a member of the Cellular Pathology staff informing them of the type and nature of the specimen and that it is for blue light transportation and not routine courier service.
- A **theatre contact number** must be written clearly on the request form to enable results to be returned.
- The Histology request form and specimen container must be labelled according the Pathology Sample Acceptance Policy (refer to sections 6&7).
- Please contact the Histology Laboratory immediately on 0191 445 6580 in the event of **any** delays or cancellations to ensure transportation is arranged for the correct time or cancelled accordingly.