Slide and/or Block Consultations

Arrangements

No special arrangements are necessary; however, it may be helpful to speak with the Ocular Pathologist prior to sending the slides to discuss any concerns you have regarding the case.

Fixation

None.

Special instructions

❖ When sending a consultation (slides and/or blocks) to the laboratory we ask that you follow these instructions:

a) Label the slides with 2 patient identifiers: your hospital number, the patient's name, the date of birth.

b) Place the slides into a plastic slide mailer (holds 1-5 slides).

i) DO NOT use the cardboard or flat plastic mailers. When slides are received in flat mailers they can be damaged beyond repair.

c) If you have blocks to send, wrap them in some kind of tissue paper (Kleenex, paper towel) and secure it with tape.

d) Fill out the Ocular Pathology Consultation Request form completely.

❖ Follow the procedures under General Information on Collection and Handling of Specimens for how to properly fill out the Ocular Pathology Consultation Request forms and specimen sending information.