ANATOMIC PATHOLOGY ORDERING

Below are a few points to remember to submit sample suitable for analysis and Pathologist diagnosis:

- **Tissue specimens with multiple parts (Ex: left apex prostate, right mid-base prostate, etc.):**
  - Each part should be placed in a separate specimen container. Each container is to be labeled with a patient demographic label. In addition each container is to be labelled with the correct site the sample comes from. The LIS specimen label is to be placed on the patient requisition slip only. The appropriate matching requisition slip must be sent with all specimens.
  - Multiple specimens from the same procedure should be on the same requisition (Ex: prostate biopsies: left side and right side, ONE ORDER).
  - **Any containers that arrive at the main lab that are not labeled will be considered unlabeled and held for review and physician confirmation of patient information.**

- Every specimen order needs a printed requisition to accompany the specimen container(s). **The total number of specimen containers associated with a requisition should be written on that requisition slip for tracking and accounting.**

- Place individual orders for surgical pathology, microbiology and cytology testing.

- **Skin tissue specimens:**
  - All routine skin should be ordered as a DC order
  - All vulva skin are considered gyn samples and should be an SP order
  - All skin samples associated with an intraoperative consult (frozen section request) should be an SP order.

- Cysts: all, regardless of body site, should be ordered as an SP order.

If you have questions or need additional information please contact Client Services at 916-734-7373 or Anatomic Pathology Client Services at 916-734-2525.

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