**Purpose**

Similar specimens result from ‘shave excision’, ‘horizontal removal’, and ‘saucerization’ biopsy techniques.

**Procedure**

* Measure the dimensions and excision depth
* Describe any lesions present and distance of the lesion to the margin
* Ink the deep margin and serially cut/bread loaf the specimen at 2-3 mm intervals.  If the specimen is less than 2-3 mm in greatest dimension, ink and submit whole
* Alternate the colors of ink you apply from specimen to specimen and state in the dictation which color is being used.

**Sections for Histology** 

Complete submission of specimen in 1 cassette

**Sample Dictation**

Labeled “Left lower leg", received in formalin in a small container is a 0.6 x 0.5 cm shave of tan skin excised to a depth of 0.2 cm. It is remarkable for a 0.2 x 0.2 cm brown well defined centric lesion that is less than 0.1 cm from the margin. The specimen is inked blue and trisected.

Cassette 1A skin biopsy 3ns.