**TISSUE CORE BIOPSIES FOR SUSPECTED LYMPHOMA**

Core biopsies received in Pathology will not be subject to a lymphoma work up process, in order to maintain specimen integrity and to optimize adequate amounts of tissue for morphologic review.

If core biopsies are procured for a history of or suspected lymphoma diagnosis, it is recommended that the tissue should be handled in the following manner ***at the time of procurement*.**

1. Adequate tissue should be sent for histologic review (largest cores) and placed in formalin at the time of procurement, then sent to pathology.
2. If flow cytometry is requested by the clinician, (after adequate tissue is obtained for histologic review) a separate specimen (minimum 1 cm core in aggregate) should be sent separately in RPMI (highly preferred) or saline (acceptable) ***directly*** to the flow cytometry laboratory with a completed flow cytometry requisition.
3. **All core specimens for suspected lymphoma that arrive fresh in the Pathology Department will be placed in formalin for morphologic review, unless special arrangements have been made- see #4 below.**
4. Special circumstances: If a core biopsy is being procured for special testing other than morphologic review or flow cytometry, contact HP fellow on call after hours ( 5pm-8am M-F and Sat/Sun), or trainee on the in-house service (M-F 8am-5pm) for instructions.

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