**Purpose**

To establish a standard procedure on how to process temporal artery specimens for histological evaluation.

Specimens are usually resected for evaluation of giant cell arteritis (GCA).  Each segment of artery usually contains a suture at each end, closing off the lumen.

**Procedure**

Measure the length and diameter of the specimen. Remove sutures and submit **whole** in one cassette. The artery will be sectioned by the histotech at time of embedding.

**Note:** Place tissue between biopsy sponges so specimen does not curl during processing.

***Sample dictation***

Received in a small container labeled with the patient’s name and registration number is a 2.0 x 0.3 cm segment of artery.

A1. Temporal artery intact (1ns).