**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 length and diameter of 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 patients name and registration number is a 2.0 x 0.3 cm segment of artery.

1A. 1ns