



# Nerve Biopsy Triage

(Institution without dry-ice)

**If nerve is <2.5 cm in length:**

Divide fresh tissue specimen into two (2) equal parts:

Part #1: 1/2 into 10% Formalin

Part #2: 1/2 into glutaraldehyde

**If nerve is 2.5 cm or more in length:**

Divide fresh tissue specimen into three (3) equal parts:

Part #1: 1/3 Fresh:

a. Loosely wrap in gauze or telfa that is barely dampened with saline

b. Place in plastic specimen jar labeled with the patient's name, surgical pathology number, and biopsy site

Part #2: 1/3 into 10% Formalin

Part #3: 1/3 into glutaraldehyde

**SHIPPING:**

Transport all specimen containers with enough cool packs to keep them in the refrigerated (not frozen) state.

**SPECIMENS ACCEPTED:**

-We accept specimens Monday through Saturday. A patient information sheet with pertinent clinical history and billing information must accompany all specimens.

**NOTE: If transporting a specimen for Saturday delivery please be sure to let us know by Friday at 5:00 PM CST and check the shipping label with the following:**

-Saturday delivery

-Priority overnight

*Please note that it is essential that the tissue be collected and immediately triaged to minimize any deterioration of the tissue. A timely and well-performed triage allows for the most accurate pathologic evaluation of these specimens.*