

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 refrigerated glutaraldehyde

Part #2: 1/2 into 10% formalin

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 refrigerated glutaraldehyde

Part #3: 1/3 into 10% formalin

Shipping

Place fresh specimen in shipping container with enough <u>frozen</u> cool packs to last for the estimated 24-hour transit.

We accept specimens Monday through Saturday.

A Muscle & Nerve Biopsy Requisition form with pertinent clinical history must accompany all specimens.

If transporting a specimen for Saturday delivery please call Client Relations at (501) 604-2695 by Friday at 5:00PM CST and check the shipping label with the following:

- → Saturday delivery
- → First overnight

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