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Code No	Specimen	Turn around time	Fixative Used/Acceptance Criteria	Tariff
501	Eyeball	4 working Days	10%Neutral buffered formalin	3000
502	Exenterated specimen	4 working Days	10%Neutral buffered formalin	10000
503	Eviscerated specimen	4 working Days	10%Neutral buffered formalin	1000
504	Corneal button	4 working Days	10%Neutral buffered formalin	1000
505	Epiretinal membrane	4 working Days	10% Neutral buffered formalin	720
506	Sub retinal membrane	4 working Days	10%Neutral buffered formalin	720
507	Biopsy-lid	4 working Days	10% Neutral buffered formalin	720
508	Biopsy -Conjunctiva	4 working Days	10% Neutral buffered formalin	720
509	Biopsy -Cornea	4 working Days	10%Neutral buffered formalin	1000
510	Biopsy- Orbit	4 working Days	10%Neutral buffered formalin	3000
511	Iris tissue	4 working Days	10%Neutral buffered formalin	720
524	Amyloid stain	24 Hours	Paraffin block/Paraffin sections	620
525	Mucin stain	24 Hours	Paraffin block/ Paraffin sections	620
526	Collagen stain	24 Hours	Paraffin block/ Paraffin sections	620
528	GMS stain	24 Hours	Paraffin block/ Paraffin sections	620
529	Gram stain	24 Hours	Paraffin block /Paraffin sections	620
530	Calcium stain	24 Hours	Paraffin block/ Paraffin sections	620
531	AFB stain	24 Hours	Paraffin block/ Paraffin sections	620
533	Perl's stain	24 Hours	Paraffin block/ Paraffin sections	620
537	Small sized specimen (3mm-5mm)	4 working Days	10%Neutral buffered formalin	720

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538	Medium Sized specimens (10mm)	4 working Days	10%Neutral buffered formalin	1000
539	Large sized specimens (>20mm)	4 working Days	10%Neutral buffered formalin	2000
576	Slide for second opinion	24 – 48 Hours	-	1000
578	Package Test – Irrespective of Size Frozen and Permanent sections for diagnosis - Lid, Conjunctiva, Orbit + Oil O Red stain	30 minutes for frozen section 4working Days for Permanent sections	Fresh unfixed tissue	3000
579	Package Test – Irrespective of Size Frozen and Permanent sections for Margin Clearance - Lid, Conjunctiva, Orbit + Oil O Red stain	1 hour for frozen section 4 working Days for Permanent sections	Fresh unfixed tissue	10000
580	PAS stain	24 Hours	Paraffin block/ Paraffin sections	620

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Cytopathology Tests (Specimens) Under Scope of NABL

Code No	Specimen	Turn around time	Fixative Used/Acceptance Criteria	Tariff
512	Aqueous aspirate	3 working Days	Unfixed sample sent in cool pack /smears	380
513	Vitreous aspirate	3 working Days	Unfixed sample sent in cool pack /smears	380
514	Sub retinal fluid	3 working Days	Unfixed sample sent in cool pack /smears	380
515	Smear cytology-lid	3 working Days	Unfixed sample sent in cool pack /smears	380
516	Smear cytology-Conjunctiva	3 working Days	Unfixed sample sent in cool pack /smears	380
517	Smear cytology-cornea	3 working Days	Unfixed sample sent in cool pack /smears	380
521	IOL Cytology	3 working Days	70% or 95% Alcohol	380
519	FNAC	3 working Days	Unfixed sample sent in cool pack /smears	380
524	Amyloid stain	24 Hours	Unfixed sample sent in cool pack /smears	620
525	Mucin stain	24 Hours	Unfixed sample sent in cool pack /smears	620
526	Collagen stain	24 Hours	Unfixed sample sent in cool pack /smears	620
528	GMS stain	24 Hours	Unfixed sample sent in cool pack /smears	620
529	Gram stain	24 Hours	Unfixed sample sent in cool pack /smears	620
530	Calcium stain	24 Hours	Unfixed sample sent in cool pack /smears	620
531	AFB stain	24 Hours	Unfixed sample sent in cool pack /smears	620
533	Perl's stain	24 Hours	Unfixed sample sent in cool pack /smears	620

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Tests (Specimens from External patients) not under scope of NABL

Code No	Specimen	Turn around time	Fixative Used/Acceptance Criteria	Tariff
520	Immunohistochemistry (Markers-Ki67/Adipophilin/Synaptophysin/BAP1)	4 working Days	10%Neutral buffered formalin	2000
537	Small sized-Skin biopsies, Any other tissue measuring 3mm- 5mm	4 working Days	10%Neutral buffered formalin	720
538	Medium sized Skin biopsies, Any other tissue measuring 10mm	4 working Days	10%Neutral buffered formalin	1000
539	Large sized Skin biopsies, Any other tissue measuring >20mm	4 working Days	10%Neutral buffered formalin	2000
522	Aspirates - vitreous, aqueous, CSF, Pleural fluid, Bronchial alveolar lavage and any other body fluids	3 working Days	Unfixed sample sent in cool pack /smears	380
524-533	All special stains (Amyloid stain, Mucin stain, Collagen stain, GMS stain, Gram stain, Calcium stain, AFB stain and Perl's stain)	24 Hours	Paraffin block, Unfixed sample sent in cool pack /smears	620
576	Slide for second opinion	24 – 48 Hours		1000
577	Package of Bone marrow Aspirate cytology + Perl's iron stain+ cell block + Immuno histochemistry for synaptophysin	4 working Days	Smears + EDTA samples	3000
578	Package Test – Irrespective of Size Frozen and Permanent sections for diagnosis - Lid, Conjunctiva, Orbit + Oil O Red stain	30 minutes for frozen section 4 working Days for Permanent sections	Fresh unfixed tissue	3000
579	Package Test – Irrespective of Size Frozen and Permanent sections for Margin Clearance - Lid, Conjunctiva, Orbit + Oil O Red stain	1 hour for frozen section 4 Days for Permanent sections	Fresh unfixed tissue	10000
581	Immunohistochemistry for per marker	4 working Days	10%Neutral buffered formalin	3000

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Specimens for histopathology and cytopathology including the impression cytology smears are collected by the surgeons at operation theater/out patient department are directly received in person or by mail at SNSC lab-Histopathology 3rd floor New Building (KNBIRVO block)

THINGS TO BE DONE WHILE SENDING OCULAR PATHOLOGY SPECIMENS


- Proper labelling of the specimen with following information in the requisition form.
 - Name of the patient
 - Age and gender of the patient
 - The type of material
 - The eye
 - Date and time of collection
 - Doctor's name
- Adequate clinical summary and clinical diagnosis
- Proper fixation in proper preservative

PRESERVATION OF THE SPECIMEN

- Tissue should be preserved immediately in the proper fixative in a suitable sized container as drying of the tissue causes artifacts.
- For routine surgical specimens 10% neutral buffered formalin is used, 70 or 95% alcohol for IOL's
- Approximate volume of the fixative required for different kinds of specimens are:

A. Cornea	-	5 to 10 ml
B. Eyeball	-	150 to 200 ml
C. Exenterated specimen	-	500 ml
D. Other biopsy material	-	according to the size of the specimen

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MAILING OF SPECIMENS:

The specimen collected should be placed in suitable sized containers (preferably plastic container), with adequate fixative. The lid of the container should be sealed with help of adhesive tape (preferable plaster) to prevent leaking of the fixative. To avoid leakage, fixed tissue can be wrapped in gauze soaked in 10 % Neutral buffered formalin. The container should bear the label with details like Name, Age/sex of the patient, specimen, written legibly in a permanent marker.

The specimen should be mailed to Sri Nathella Sampathu Chetty Clinical Laboratory – Histopathology Laboratory, 3rd Floor, New Building, and No: 41, College Road, Nungambakkam, Chennai-600 006 with proper requisition from the surgeon providing the required details mentioned above along with the address for communication. (E-mail/ telephone no. /Fax). The charges intimated to be sent as Demand Draft/Cheque/NEFT payable to Medical Research Foundation.

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Instructions to Surgeons/Asst. Surgeons/OT staff for sending specimens to Histopathology

Size of container	Volume of Formalin to be added		Frozen section	Cytology (aspirates / fluids)	Labels on Bottle	Mandatory Information In Requisition form
1.Small sized specimen	BHIB bottles	5-10 ml	Formalin Not Required	1. No Fixative	Required	1 .Name of the patient
2.Medium sized specimen	Wide mouthed Container (50-100 ml capacity)	20-50-ml		2. To be sent immediately (if delayed, sample must be sent with cool pack)		2. Age/gender 3. MRD No.
3.Large sized specimens	Wide mouthed Container (100-200 ml capacity)	150-200 ml				4. The type of specimen sent OD/OS and site of the specimen 5. Date and Time of collection of sample 6. Surgeon's name 7. Adequate clinical summary with clinical diagnosis

NOTE: *If the same sample required for Microbiology and Histopathology Investigations send the sample in sterile container without formalin first to Microbiology along with histopathology requisition form and Information about sending specimen to histopathology.*

Storage:

Histopathology:


Specimens (If available)-30 days

Paraffin blocks-Permanent

Cytopathology:

Fluids/Aspirates-24 hrs. at 2-8°C

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Acceptance & Rejection Criteria

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1.	Unstained sections /Smears will be accepted	-
2.	Paraffin block, stained sections/smears will be accepted	Samples too tiny for processing/not visible samples.

Note:

However Histopathology specimens are not rejected on grounds of poor specimen integrity. They are accessioned and remarks are incorporated in final report.

If the specimens are sent for both microbiological as well as histopathological Investigation, the specimen would be received in unfixed condition.

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