

Guidelines for submitting samples

Please be advised that as of November 7, 2011 the Research Histology Core Laboratory will no longer accept hand labeled slides and cassettes. This change was implemented to benefit your research goals through minimizing tissue placement, legibility misconceptions, and processing delays.

We also ask that requestors dropping off tissue blocks for sectioning submit the blocks in sequence of the logsheet. This includes paraffin and frozen blocks brought in bags, boxes or any other receptacle. Frozen specimens should be arranged before submitting to the lab, as we do not have dry ice or a cold area to arrange frozen cases. We can provide block holders to organize cases that are to be returned upon case signout. This change has been implemented to expedite requests.

Guideline for ordering cassettes

Please provide the request number to the Research Histology Core Laboratory through phone or email (RHFCoreLab@mdanderson.org) when cassettes are needed. The lab does not accept handwritten cassettes therefore all cases that require tissue processing will need printed cassettes.

You will be contacted within an hour or less to pickup, depending on case size. Samples can be grossed in at the Research Histology Core Laboratory for your convenience.