

Alaska Native Medical Center Pathology
List of Specimens Excluded from Pathological Examination

Specimens that do not have to be submitted to pathology and can be disposed of or submitted to pathology if desired:

Specimens which may be excluded from submission:

- Bunion
- Calculus
- Cataract
- Ear tube
- Loose body
- Mediport
- Newborn foreskin
- Norplant or similar device (Implantable contraception)
- Pacemaker
- Placenta from a normal delivery
- Rib segment
- Tooth
- Toenail
- Tonsil in patient <14 yrs old
- Adenoid in patient <14 yrs old
- Surgical/orthopedic hardware
- Intrauterine device
- Incidental tissue removed during surgical incision or repair
- Fluid from therapeutic thoracentesis
- Fluid from therapeutic paracentesis
- Urine for clinical lab processing
- CSF for clinical lab processing
- Any other body fluid submitted to the laboratory for clinical lab processing only, where cytology is not specifically requested.

Specimens that may be exempt from microscopic examination:

- Bone fragment from non-union fracture
- Bunion
- Calculus
- Ear tube
- Hernia sac
- Loose body
- Mediport
- Newborn foreskin
- Non-pathologic fracture of bone
- Norplant device
- Pacemaker
- Placenta from normal delivery
- Rib segment
- Scar
- Tooth
- Toenail
- Tonsil
- Adenoid
- Surgical/orthopedic hardware
- Knee or hip osteoarthritis

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