

GASTROINTESTINAL PATHOLOGY GROSSING GUIDELINES

Specimen Type: TRAUMA (*i.e.* gunshot wounds)

Procedure:

1. Measure the length, diameter or circumference and wall thickness of resected bowel.
2. Describe the presence or absence of perforation, and size and location (distance to the closest margin) of perforation if present.
3. Describe other findings, if present, such as hematoma, and their location and dimension.
4. Describe the dimension or width of mesentery.
5. Photograph the specimen and probe defects.

Gross Template:

Labeled with the patient's name (***), medical record number (***), designated ***, and received [*fresh/in formalin*] is a segment of [*oriented-provide orientation/un-oriented*] bowel measuring ***cm in length x *** to ***cm in open circumference with two stapled ends.

[*Mesenteric/Pericolic*] fibroadipose tissue extends ***from the bowel wall.

The serosal surface is remarkable for [*describe adhesions, plaques, absence of serosa, full-thickness defects (perforations or enterotomies)*]. The mucosal surface is remarkable for a [*describe areas of ischemia/discoloration- size and distance to margins*]. Sectioning reveals [*no gross evidence of perforation/ a perforation and/or abscess formation (describe location, size, and distance to nearest margin)*].

The remainder of the bowel [*describe any additional lesions*]. Sectioning reveals a [*white, hemorrhagic, etc*] bowel wall with a thickness ranging from *** - *** cm. Representative sections of the specimen are submitted.

Cassette Submission: 2-3 cassettes

- Proximal and distal shave margins in one cassette
- 1-2 sections to include perforation or damaged area
- No lymph nodes are needed