

Hepatobiliary Pathology Grossing Guidelines

Specimen Type: CHOLECYSTECTOMY (NON-TUMOR)

Gross Template:

The specimen is received [fresh/in formalin] in a container labeled with the patient's name (***), medical record number (***), and as "***." The specimen consists of a [intact/previously opened] gallbladder measuring *** x *** x *** cm. The attached portion of cystic duct measures *** cm in length and *** cm in diameter. The cystic duct resection margin is closed by a clip. The serosa is remarkable for [size of abnormal area, approximate location of abnormal area, color, consistency; specifically mention purulence, necrosis, diverticula, plaques, nodules, perforations, if present or tan, smooth, glistening, and unremarkable]. The hepatic resection margin measures *** x *** cm and is [tan, rough] without grossly identifiable adherent liver tissue [or with *** x *** x *** cm of firm, brown, adherent liver parenchyma]. The gallbladder is opened longitudinally to reveal *** mL of [viscous, green/yellow] bile [or describe hemorrhagic fluid, mucus, etc., as necessary]. The mucosa is [green/yellow, smooth/velvety/trabeculated, stippled; specifically mention polyps, ulcers/erosions, cysts and describe (size, shape, color, consistency), as necessary] with a wall thickness ranging from *** cm in [location] to *** cm in [location]. [***/multiple (>10)] [shape, color, consistency] calculi are identified in the [lumen/container] measuring *** x *** x *** cm in aggregate, ranging from *** cm to *** cm in greatest dimension [or No calculi are identified in the lumen or specimen container (confirmed by ***)]. A pericystic lymph node [is/is not identified]. Representative sections are submitted as follows:

Cassette Submission:

Two cassettes (additional cassette(s) if necessary for pericystic lymph node or to demonstrate pathology):

- Cystic duct resection margin (en face) – in a separate cassette
- Representative sections of gallbladder fundus, body, and neck in one cassette
 - If liver parenchyma is grossly identifiable, sample as part of the above sections
- Submit pericystic lymph node(s), if identified

