

CARDIOVASCULAR PATHOLOGY GROSSING GUIDELINES

NOTE: Please review all complex or “interesting” gross specimens with Drs. Michael Fishbein, Gregory Fishbein, or Ryan Lau.

Specimen Type: ENDOMYOCARDIAL BIOPSIES

Procedure:

1. Measure and describe, noting number of pieces (if > 5, state, “greater than 5”), color.

Gross Template:

Labeled with the patient’s name (***) , medical record number (***) , designated “****”, and received [*fresh/in formalin*] are [#] fragments of [*color*] soft tissue fragments measuring [*sizes*]. Entirely submitted in [*cassette summary*].

Cassette Submission:

For tissue received in **formalin**, submit entire specimen between blue sponges or in a tea bag and processed with H&E x 3 protocol.

Saline soaked **fresh tissue**, if present, should be sent to the IHC lab for immunofluorescence. Transplant cases will receive the standard transplant protocol. Discuss native biopsy cases with the attending to determine what IF stains should be performed.

Tissue in **glutaraldehyde**, if present, should be sent to the EM lab.