

BONE AND SOFT TISSUE PATHOLOGY GROSSING GUIDELINES

- **NOTE: Document in your cassette summary which cassettes (for each specimen part) are submitted for decal**
 - **Ex: Representative sections are submitted (A1, A3; B2-B4; C3-C4 following decalcification).**
 - **Ex: Representative sections are submitted:**
 - **A1- bone (decal)**
 - **A2- skin resection margin, perpendicular**
 - **B2- tibia shave (decal)**

Specimen Type: GOUT

Procedure:

1. Note overall dimensions of specimen; describe the texture and color of tissue.
2. **Create one touch prep slide (air-dried and unstained).**
 - a. Manually add one (1) “touch prep” slide in Case Builder.
 - b. Coverslip the slide. **Do not use any additional solution (e.g. do not use xylene) besides glue during the cover slipping process.**
 - i. Note: For CHS, please hand deliver the slide to Histology so that it may be coverslipped).
3. Track the slide as “Sent to Histology” and deliver the slide to the Histology Lab.
4. **Place the cassette of tissue that will be processed in a 120mL container (orange-top container) of 100% alcohol for Histology processing. Label the container as “100% alcohol - GOUT”.**
5. **Email Histology to inform them that you are sending tissue for gout processing.**

Gross Template:

Labeled with the patient’s name (**), medical record number (**), designated “***”, and received [*fresh/in formalin*] are [*number*] of portions of [*bone/soft tissue*] ranging from ** to **cm in maximum dimension, amounting in aggregate to ** x ** x **cm. Sectioning reveals [*describe cut surfaces*]. [*No abnormalities are identified/a gross abnormality is identified*]. Representative sections are submitted [*following decalcification*] in [*describe cassette submission*].

Cassette Submission:

- 1 cassette with representative sections to be submitted in 100% alcohol