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

**Specimen Type:** NATIVE HEART VALVES

**Procedure:**
1. Take gross photographs
2. Measure, range and aggregate
3. Document presence of lesions, vegetations, calcifications
4. Comment on attached chordae tendinae, if present

**Gross Template:**
Labeled with the patient’s name (**{}**), medical record number (**{}**), designated "****", and received [fresh/in formalin] is a [mitral/aortic] valve measuring *** x *** x *** cm. The [cusps or leaflets] are [yellow, smooth, calcified, and intact]. Tears in the leaflets [are/are not] identified. The chordae tendineae are [intact/ruptured/fused/thickened]. The papillary muscles are [hypertrophied/unremarkable]. Vegetations [are/are not] identified. Gross photographs are taken. Representative sections are submitted, following decalcification [describe cassette submission].

**Cassette Submission:** One cassette of representative tissue, decal as needed