

CARDIOVASCULAR PATHOLOGY GROSSING GUIDELINES

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
5. Log as gross only as specimens may be reviewed at a later time or kept for teaching purposes

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 tendinae 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

