

Head and Neck Pathology Grossing Guidelines

Procedure:

- Weigh and measure specimens intended to be resections of the entire gland.
- Biopsies should only be measured, no need to weigh.

- Most parathyroidectomies can be entirely submitted in one or two cassettes. Larger lesions, particularly if described as invasive or adherent, should be inked and entirely submitted. Very large glands in the setting of chronic renal failure/secondary hyperparathyroidism or likely to be a parathyroid lipoadenomas, may have representative sections submitted.

Specimen Type: PARATHYROIDECTOMY

Gross Template:

Labeled with the patient's name (last name, first name), medical record number (#), designated "****", and received [*fresh/in formalin*] is *** gram, *** x *** x *** cm [*color*], [*encapsulated/circumscribed/irregular*] portion of soft tissue. The specimen is [*bisected*] and entirely submitted [*describe cassette submission*].

Cassette Submission: 1-2 cassettes, entirely submit

- * Important to weigh parathyroid to the **nearest milligram** (*i.e.* 0.156g)
- * Use appropriate scale in gross room

Specimen Type: PARATHYROID BIOPSY

Gross Template:

Labeled with the patient's name (last name, first name), medical record number (#), designated "****", and received [*fresh/in formalin*] is *** x *** x *** cm [*color*] soft tissue fragment. The specimen is entirely submitted [*describe cassette submission*].

Cassette Submission: 1 cassette, entirely submit