

CARDIOVASCULAR PATHOLOGY GROSSING GUIDELINES

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

Specimen Type: VENTRICULAR ASSIST DEVICES

PROCEDURE: Review all ventricular assist devices with Dr. G Fishbein.

Gross Template:

Labeled with the patient’s name (**), medical record number (**), designated “**”, and received [*fresh/in formalin*] is a [*type*] ventricular assist device with the serial number “**”. The inflow cannula is *free of thrombi* [*if not, describe location and size*]. [*If an inflow valve is present, describe*]. There is *no in-pump thrombus* [*if thrombus present, describe location and size*]. [*If an outflow valve is present, describe*]. The outflow graft to the aorta is *free of thrombi* [*if not, describe location and size*]. The outflow anastomosis is [*present and patent, present with pannus (describe), absent*]. The driveline is [*intact, damaged*] with [*no evidence of infection, infected*]. A gross photograph is taken. The specimen is for gross examination only.

Cassette Submission: No tissue submitted

- *Submit one cassette of representative tissue if adherent tissue is present*