

Ophthalmic Pathology Grossing Guidelines

Specimen Type: CORNEA

Note: Corneas may be lamellar or full thickness corneas.

- Thickness is important to document in the gross description.
- The Descemet's membrane may be submitted unattached (often removed separately), **so check the specimen container carefully!** If there is an obvious perforation or ulcer or the history indicates infection order 4 unstained slides. Eosin dye has been added to Jules Stein containers so their specimens may appear orange and easier to identify.
- FOR ALL JS SPECIMENS LEAVE FORMALIN IN CONTAINER AND KEEP CONTAINER UNTIL AFTER SIGN OUT. DO NOT FILTER THESE SPECIMENS THROUGH A MESH BAG.

Gross Template:

MMODAL Command: "INSERT CORNEA"

It consists of a [*measure in three dimensions****]cm [*opaque or semiopaque or ulcerated or perforated etc****] disc. The specimen is entirely submitted, in a mesh bag, in cassette [*describe cassette submission*].

Cassette Submission: 1 cassette (do not section at time of grossing. Histotech will cut)

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