

GASTROINTESTINAL PATHOLOGY GROSSING GUIDELINES

Specimen Type: TRAUMA (*i.e.* gunshot wounds)

Procedure:

1. Measure the length, diameter or circumference and wall thickness of resected bowel.
2. Describe the presence or absence of perforation, and size and location (distance to the closest margin) of perforation if present.
3. Describe other findings, if present, such as hematoma, and their location and dimension.
4. Describe the dimension or width of mesentery.
5. Photograph the specimen and probe defects.

Gross Template:

MMODAL COMMAND: INSERT COLON

It consists of a segment of [*oriented-provide orientation/un-oriented****] bowel measuring [***] cm in length x [***] cm in open circumference with two stapled ends. The [*Mesenteric/Pericolic****] fibroadipose tissue extends [***] cm from the bowel wall.

The serosal surface is remarkable for [*describe adhesions, full-thickness defects (perforations or enterotomies)****]. The mucosal surface is remarkable for a [*describe areas of ischemia/discoloration-size and distance to margins, or presence of pseudomembranes****]. Sectioning reveals [*no gross evidence of perforation/ a perforation and/or abscess formation (describe location, size, and distance to margins)****].

The remainder of the bowel [*describe any additional lesions/polyps/unremarkable****]. The bowel wall thickness ranges from [*smallest to largest****] cm. [*Describe presence of thrombi in mesenteric vessels, if grossly evident****] Representative sections of the specimen are submitted. Gross photographs are taken.

[*insert cassette summary****]

Cassette Submission: 2-3 cassettes

- Proximal and distal shave margins in one cassette
- 1-2 sections to include perforation or damaged area
- No lymph nodes are needed