

## GASTROINTESTINAL PATHOLOGY GROSSING GUIDELINES

### Specimen Type: GASTROINTESTINAL BIOPSY

**Note:** This rotation serves clinicians seeking histopathologic interpretation of mucosal biopsies in the GI tract. The final diagnosis may depend heavily on the clinical setting and therefore all physicians on the service employ as much clinical information as possible when preparing cases. Communication of the interpretation is often done verbally, as is so for many medical biopsies in surgical pathology. Approximately 80% of the cases are managed in a routine fashion, however there is no substitute for good medical judgment and if a case requires special dispensation then the rotating resident should act accordingly. In general, transplant cases are treated as RUSH. If there is any question as to how to manage a problem case, a GI fellow or attending should be consulted. Before discussing a case with another physician, all information pertaining to the clinical setting should have been obtained.

### Procedure:

1. Measure the number and size (or size range) of tissue fragment(s)
2. A detailed description about texture, color, shape, etc. is **unnecessary** for most mucosal biopsies

### Gross Template:

#### **MMODAL COMMAND: "INSERT GI ONE"**

The specimen is received in one formalin-filled container, labeled with patient's name (*[last name, first name\*\*\*]*), medical record number (*[insert MRN\*\*\*]*), and associated designation.

Part A, is designated "*[Dictate full description listed in Beaker. Ensure that the specimen label matches the Beaker order\*\*\*]*", *[number of fragments\*\*\*]*, *[size range from smallest to largest\*\*\*]*, submitted in a mesh bag, A1.

*[Insert grosser's initials and today's date (SM 01/01/2000)\*\*\*]*

#### **MMODAL COMMAND: "INSERT GI TWO"**(templates exist up to "INSERT GI TWENTY")

The specimen is received in two formalin-filled containers, each labeled with patient's name (*[last name, first name\*\*\*]*), medical record number (*[insert MRN\*\*\*]*), and associated designations.

Part A, is designated "*[Dictate full description listed in Beaker. Ensure that the specimen label matches the Beaker order\*\*\*]*", *[number of fragments\*\*\*]*, *[size range from smallest to largest\*\*\*]*, submitted in a mesh bag, A1.

Part B, is designated "*[Dictate full description listed in Beaker. Ensure that the specimen label matches the Beaker order\*\*\*]*", *[number of fragments\*\*\*]*, *[size range from smallest to largest\*\*\*]*, submitted in a mesh bag, B1.

*[Insert grosser's initials and today's date (SM 01/01/2000)\*\*\*]*