

## Genitourinary Grossing Guidelines

**Specimen Type:** RETROPERITONEAL LYMPH NODE DISSECTION

**Comment:** These specimens are usually seen in patients with residual masses following chemotherapy. Pay particular attention to the number of lymph nodes included in the specimen and the size of the largest lymph node. If it is difficult to individually dissect out the lymph nodes, clearly mention that there is a matted lymph node mass and give the dimension of the mass. Evaluate the cut surface of the mass and indicate if it is entirely solid or has cystic areas.

For grossly positive lymph nodes/masses, take gross pictures of bivalved specimens.

**Gross Template:**

**MMODAL COMMAND:** "INSERT LYMPH NODE DISSECTION"

It consists of a [*measure in three dimensions\*\*\**] cm portion of tan-yellow fibroadipose tissue. Sectioning reveals [*describe # of lymph nodes found\*\*\**] lymph node candidates, ranging from [*smallest to largest\*\*\**] cm in maximum dimensions. [*The lymph node is/The lymph nodes are\*\*\**] sectioned to reveal [*describe cut surface and comment on grossly positive lymph nodes, measuring the grossly positive tumor\*\*\**]. The specimen is entirely submitted. [*cassette submission/ if lymph nodes are serially sectioned, only place one lymph node in each cassette or you MUST differentially ink them\*\*\**] [*Describe salivary gland if present-only submit one section of gland if present\*\*\**]

[*insert cassette summary\*\*\**]

**Cassette Submission:** 10-12 cassettes

- Submit representative sections of the mass with the closest inked margin, 1 cassette per cm
- For grossly positive lymph nodes/masses, take gross pictures of bivalved specimens.
- **Note:** Consult pathologist with any questions – these are difficult specimens to gross!