

Ophthalmic Pathology Grossing Guidelines

Specimen Type: EXENTERATION (will include eyelids, orbital tissue and the eye)

Gross Template:

Labeled with the patient's name (***), medical record number (***), designated "****", and received [*fresh/in formalin*] is an [*oriented/unoriented*] en bloc resection to include [*eye, maxilla, orbital soft tissue, etc.*] measuring *** x *** x *** cm in greatest overall dimensions. [*Provide dimensions of cornea vertical and horizontal, dimensions of skin (eyelids attached).* Ink the margins superior yellow, inferior black, medial red and lateral blue. The specimen is bisected above the optic nerve to reveal [*describe cut surface, lesions- size, location to margins, involvement of surrounding tissue*]. [*Describe uninvolved tissue*]. Gross photographs are taken. Representative sections are submitted [*describe cassette submission*].

Cassette Submission: 10-15 cassettes

- Photograph specimens and consult attending if needed
- Ink all resection margins

Note: Exenterations are generally removed because of cancer. If this resection is removed for an **ocular primary**, you should consult with the Attending on how to proceed, as the way you cut the specimen often depends on the type of tumor and its location. You are always welcome to email Dr. Glasgow or the Pathologists on service for any questions or to supervise

If this resection is removed for a **non-ocular primary** (taken out secondary due to tumor involvement), the eye *may* be removed and bisected in the vertical plane superior to the optic nerve (take photos of cross section of globe with stereomicroscopy). If orbital tissue involvement is evident or clinically suspected, you should consult with the Attending before removing the eye from the main specimen.