

Gynecologic Pathology Grossing Guidelines

Specimen Type: POC (curettings, vaginal/uterine contents)

Procedure:

1. Consider cytogenetic studies and check the clinical history
2. Weigh and describe
 - a. If grossly obvious embryonic/fetal parts are admixed with placental tissues/blood clot, separate embryonic/fetal from placental tissues/blood clot and weigh & measure each separately.

Note: If POC is from a later term pregnancy, please review the Fetus Grossing Guidelines.

Gross Template:

Labeled with the patient's name (last name, first name), medical record number (#), designated "[]", and received [*fresh/in formalin*] is a ***gram, [***x***x*** cm] aggregate of pink-red soft tissue fragments [*admixed with blood clot*]. Chorionic villi [*are/ are not- if present, check for hydropic vesicles*] identified. There [*are/ are no*] fetal or embryonic parts identified [*if identified, describe and provided weight and aggregate measurement*]. Representative sections are submitted [*describe cassette submission*].

Cassette Submission: 1-5 cassettes

- If chorionic villi or fetal parts are identified, submit one cassette.
- If NO chorionic villi or fetal parts are identified, submit several (3-5) cassettes.
- **If hydropic villous changes are present and a molar pregnancy is suspected, but not definitive, store fresh tissue in RPMI for possible cytogenetic studies.**