

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:

Labeled with the patient's name (**), medical record number (**), designated "****", and received [fresh/in formalin] is a ** x ** x ** cm portion of [*oriented/unoriented*] fibroadipose tissue. The entire surface is inked blue. [*Indicate orientation provided*]. [**] lymph nodes are found within the fibroadipose tissue, which range from ** to ** cm in maximum dimension. The lymph nodes are sectioned to reveal [*describe cut surface, indicate if grossly evident metastatic tumor present and provide maximum dimension*]. Representative sections of the grossly positive lymph nodes and all remaining identified lymph nodes and fibroadipose tissue are entirely submitted.

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!