

PULMONARY PATHOLOGY GROSSING GUIDELINES

Specimen Type: THYMECTOMY

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 [*partial/total*] thymectomy. [*Describe orientation if provided*]. Sectioning reveals [*describe any lesions present including size, color, external appearance, relationship to capsule, calcification, necrosis, relationship to uninvolved thymus*]. The remaining cut surfaces are [*yellow, smooth, lobulated, fatty, unremarkable*]. The adherent adipose tissue is dissected through for lymph nodes. [*Describe number/size of lymph nodes identified*]. Representative sections are submitted [*describe cassette submission*].

Ink Key:

Black- external surface (if un-oriented and for tumor)

[*Additional ink may be required if oriented for margin assessment*]

Cassette Submission: 10-12 cassettes

- One cassette if incidentally removed
- One cassette per 1 cm of lesion/tumor
 - o Show relationship to capsule
 - o Show relationship to unremarkable parenchyma
- One cassette of unremarkable parenchyma
- Submit all lymph nodes identified
- Submit representative sections of other structures present (pleura, pericardium, etc.)