

BONE AND SOFT TISSUE PATHOLOGY GROSSING GUIDELINES

- NOTE: Document in your cassette summary which cassettes (for each specimen part) are submitted for decal
 - Ex: Representative sections are submitted (A1, A3; B2-B4; C3-C4 following decalcification).
 - Ex: Representative sections are submitted:
 - A1- bone (decal)
 - A2- skin resection margin, perpendicular
 - B2- tibia shave (decal)

MModal Command: "INSERT AMPUTATION"

Specimen Type: LOWER/UPPER EXTREMITY (NON-TUMOR)

Gross Template:

It consists of an [*above-knee amputation, below knee amputation, hip disarticulation, etc****] measuring [***] cm in length x [***] cm in diameter. The attached [*foot/hand****] measures [*measure in three dimensions****] cm and has [*number of digits present, indicate absent digits or presence of prior amputation site****]. The skin is remarkable for [*describe any lesions present/location/distance to margins****]. The underlying bone is [*describe cut surfaces/yellow-tan and trabeculated****]. The vasculature is dissected out to reveal [*describe patency/calcifications/stenosis****]. No additional lesions are grossly identified. Representative sections are submitted following decalcification.

[*insert cassette summary****]

Cassette Submission: 6-8 cassettes

- Skin/soft tissue/muscle/neurovascular bundle resection margin (en face)
- Bone resection margin (en face)
 - If the proximal bone margin appears viable and normal – a section of the proximal bone may be omitted
- 1-2 cassettes of vasculature
- 1-2 cassettes of skin lesions with underlying bone
- Section of bone from affected area (rule out osteomyelitis)