

GENERAL SPECIMEN TRANSPORT GUIDELINES

SPECIMEN TYPE	DEPARTMENT	FLOOR/HOSPITAL / ROOM NUMBER	Hours of Operation	Color ****
FROZEN TISSUE	Surgical Pathology	2 nd Floor/ School of Medicine (N208)	8a-5p (M-F) After Hours— see note	Blue
FRESH TISSUE	Surgical Pathology	2 nd Floor/ School of Medicine (N208)	8a – 4:30 p (M-F) After Hours— see note	Blue
BIOPSY/ PERMANENT	Surgical Pathology	2 nd Floor/ School of Medicine (N208)	8a – 4:30 p (M-F)	Blue
Body Fluid/FNA	Cytopathology/ Cytology	Basement/School of Medicine (N018) refrigerator	24 hours - for Specimen drop off -place specimen in refrigerator and sign log	Blue
Blood Bank (Pink Top)	Blood Bank	1 st Floor /University Hospital (S101-02) -lab will take to Blood Bank if sent through tube system	24 hours	Red
ALL OTHERS (ADULT)	Clinical Lab	1 st University Hospital (S101-02)	24 hours	Orange
ALL OTHERS (BATSON/PEDIATRIC)	Batson Children’s Hospital Lab	Basement/ Batson Children’s Hospital Lab (CO54)	24 hours	Orange

******If more than one colored sticker is on the specimen, this indicates a SHARED specimen—send to the Clinical Lab.**

NOTE: Specimens collected at Batson Children’s Hospital that can be transported through the tube system are sent to Batson Children’s Hospital Laboratory for testing and/or routing to University Hospital Clinical Pathology Laboratory. See list below of specimens **NOT** approved for transport in the tube system:

- 24 hour urine
- Blood Cultures (glass bottles)
- Stool specimens
- Surgical specimens
- Glass (includes anaerobic glass cultures)
- Urine screw top collection containers
- Precious specimens: Spinal Fluid (any irreplaceable specimen or fluid); difficult to collect specimens; specimens collected at a specific hour

CONTACT NUMBERS:

CLINICAL LAB: 5-9777 (Collections); 4-2358 (Microbiology); 4-2368 (Chemistry); 4-2370 (Hematology)

BATSON LAB: 4-5230

SURGICAL PATHOLOGY: 4-1534

BLOOD BANK: 4-2392

Note:

Surgical Pathology After Hours:

- Surgical Pathology: If Fresh or Frozen, notify Pathology Resident on-call (UMMC Intranet—type “Contact U” in Search Field)