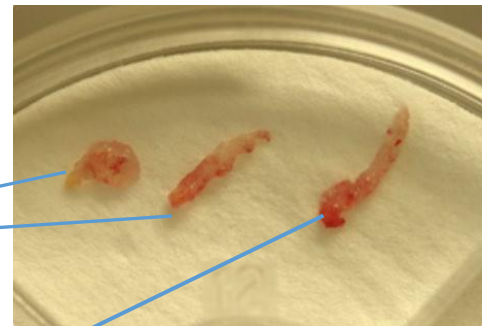


Core biopsy and lymph node excision process for Lymphoma

Whenever possible, biopsies for possible lymphoma should be performed Monday-Thursday. This will allow the tissue to reach Allina Health Laboratory and be prepared for ancillary studies, performed by the specialty laboratory departments, prior to the weekend.

Core biopsy of lymph node or mass suspicious for lymphoma

1. Place two to three (2 – 3) core biopsies into formalin (formalin sample is the priority).



2. Place one (1) core biopsy into RPMI*.



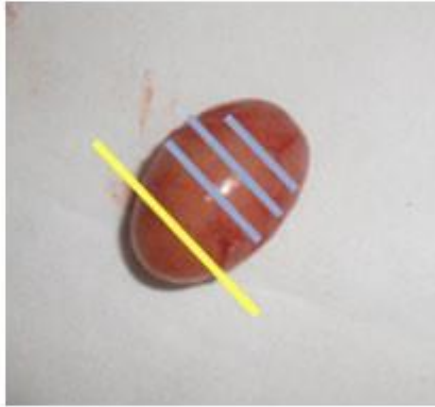
* If you can't obtain another core biopsy, you can put a generous aspirate sample into the RPMI.

3. Bring the triaged specimen to your lab or package and transport to Allina Health Laboratory with your next available courier.

Core biopsy and lymph node excision process for Lymphoma

Lymph node excision

1. Serial section lymph node into ~3 mm thick sections.



2. Place 2-3 lymph node tissue sections into RPMI.



3. Place remaining lymph node sections into formalin.



4. Bring the triaged specimen to your lab or package and transport to Allina Health Laboratory with your next available courier.