Before You Send the Samples: Ingredients to Great Patient Care

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PATIENT CARE: THE ROLES WE PLAY

THE FLOW OF THE ANATOMIC PATHOLOGY LABORATORY PROCESSES BEFORE YOU SEND THE SAMPLES: TIPS FOR GREAT PATIENT CARE

Our Roles in Patient Care



Tissue

- Precious
- Irreplicable
- Heterogeneous



Flow of an anatomic pathology laboratory



Specimen labelling

- Correct patient
- Identifiables (at least 2)
- Correct area label (including tags)
- Must be corrected before move further with the processes



Sampling and use of formalin







- Enough formalin to prevent decay of tissue
- Recommended:
 1: 20 (for 16-hour fixation at room temperature)
 (tissue : formalin, V/V)

Request form

- Patient identification Clinical information ensures:
 - Accuracy of interpretation
 - Patient Safety
 - Effectiveness

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Guess what this is?

- Information:
- A painting
- by a famous artist
- Painting by Van Gogh









Ingredient for great patient care:

Pre-analytical phase – within clients' control

Correct specimen: type/location

Use correct preservative in correct amount

Accurate labelling

Good/ relevant clinical information







Thank you for your attention!

A little quiz:

- 1. Give TWO reasons why it is important to correctly label the specimen bottles.
- 2. Give THREE reasons why good clinical information should be provided with the specimen.

Answers

1. Why are tissue samples precious?

Answer: It is difficult to obtained and irreplaceable.

1. State TWO reason why it is important to correctly label the specimen bottle.

Answer: patient safety and for accuracy of diagnosis

1. Give THREE reasons why good clinical information should be provided with the specimen.

Answer: patient safety, effectiveness of the process and for accuracy of diagnosis