

Endomyocardial Biopsy

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SAMPLE DICTATION

(Labeled: __, __; __) Received in formalin are _ [color] tissue fragments ranging in size from _ to _ cm (Wrapped, te, 1 cap, steps)

SUGGESTED SAMPLING

1. Entire Specimen - **ALWAYS WRITE NUMBER OF FRAGMENTS ON SIDE OF CAP**
2. Enter the number of pieces in the "Pieces" field in PTOE (double click on the "pieces" field for the corresponding specimen and enter the correct number)

Specimen Code	Specimen Description	Block Summary	Block ID	Pieces
MYOCAR	Right ventricle endomyocardial biopsy	1, 1-1		
			A-1	1

3. If tissue is very minute and may not survive processing, do the following two steps:
 - a. Dictate statement in gross description "specimen is very tiny, and may not survive processing"
 - b. Write a "(-)" after the number of fragments on the side of the cap: "3(-)" to indicate to embedder that tiny fragments should be carefully searched for and retrieved

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

- Always use Carbol Fuschin dye and wrap carefully - these tissue fragments are both precious and tiny, and will be lost if steps are omitted
- Wrap carefully - see video on proper wrapping technique in online grossing manual
- Follow the steps above (under "suggested sampling" to indicate the number and size of fragments not only in the report, but also on the cap and in PTOE, to ensure proper embedding