

Gallbladder, Non-Tumor

(4.16 Gallbladder_Non_Tumor); Updated August 9th, 2019 by Robert J. Propst, MD

SAMPLE DICTATION

(Labeled: ____, ____; ____) Received ____ is a __ x __ x __ cm gallbladder.

Major pathologic finding(s): The (intact/perforated/previously torn) serosa is (color and smooth **OR** with attached adhesions/purulent exudate). The cystic duct measures __ cm in diameter and is (patent/obstructed by a calculus/an aggregate of calculi). The lumen contains (color) viscous bile and (a single __ x __ x __ cm (color and shape) calculus **OR** __ cm aggregate of (color and shape) calculi ranging from __ to __ cm in greatest dimension **OR** no calculi are present within the lumen or the container). The mucosa is (color) and (velvety/trabeculated/ulcerated/flattened) with no masses or polyps.

Other findings: The wall thickness ranges from __ to __ cm. A cystic duct lymph node (is/ is not) identified.

Specimen Handling: (RS, 1 cap)

SUGGESTED SAMPLING

1: Cystic duct margin (en face), fundus, neck

STAGING CRITERIA (AJCC 8TH EDITION)

- N/A

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

- A porcelain gallbladder is a condition in which the gallbladder is calcified due to chronic cholecystitis. This is associated with an increased risk of carcinoma and appears as a gallbladder with a white smooth serosa and a diffused stiffened wall. Sample additional sections if this is present.
- Mention and sample all polyps. If a mass is present, refer to the “Gallbladder, Tumor” portion of the manual.
- If a perforation is present, measure the dimension and distance from the cystic duct margin.
- Note if cholesterosis/”strawberry gallbladder” is identified; this appears as diffuse yellow speckling on a background of green velvety mucosa.
- Submit additional sections of lymph node, focal lesions such as polyps or ulcers, or liver parenchyma if present.
- A developmental abnormality in which the fundus of the gallbladder is folded upon itself is called a **phrygian cap**, resembling silly old european hats... Interesting but of no clinical significance.