

Pancreas, Distal, Tumor

(4.21 Pancreas_Distal_Tumor); Updated October 5th, 2019 by Evelyn Choo, MD

SAMPLE DICTATION

(Labeled: ____, ____; ____) Received ____ is a __ x __ x __ cm portion of pancreas and a __ gram, __ x __ x __ cm spleen.

Major pathologic finding(s): A __ x __ x __ cm __ mass with a ____ appearance is present with the pancreas, __ cm from the proximal pancreatic margin. The mass (appears / does not appear) to be confined to the pancreas. The spleen has a ____ parenchyma and does/does not show tumor involvement. __ peripancreatic lymph nodes and splenic hilar nodes are identified.

Other findings:

Specimen Handling: (RS / TE, ____ caps)

SUGGESTED SAMPLING

- 1: Pancreatic resection margin to include pancreatic duct (shave)
- 2-5: Tumor and margins (anterior, superior, posterior and inferior) - radial margins
- 6: Tumor and adjacent pancreas
- 7: Spleen
- 8>: Perihilar lymph nodes
 - Inferior lymph nodes
 - Posterior lymph nodes

STAGING CRITERIA (AJCC 8TH EDITION)

- Accurate size matters for staging:

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

- Submit at least one cassette per cm of tumor and include margins and relationship to surrounding pancreas
- Totally embed cystic lesions < 5 cm
- Shave proximal pancreatic margin /pancreatic duct.
- Perpendicular/radial margins to evaluate for invasion into soft tissue and/or retroperitoneum