

Chest Wall, Tumor Resection

(10.1 Chest_Wall_Resection_Tumor); Updated October 26, 2018 by Lacey J. Schrader, MD

SAMPLE DICTATION

(Labeled: __, __; __) Received (fresh/in formalin) is a __x__x__ cm (oriented/unoriented) chest wall resection, including __ [# of ribs and/or rib #s].

Major pathologic finding(s): A __x__x__ cm [color/cavitary/solid/cystic/necrotic] mass is located __ [anatomic site]. The mass is __ cm from the deep margin, __ cm from the superficial margin, __ cm from the lateral margin, __ cm from the medial margin, __ cm from the superior margin, and __ cm from the inferior margin. The mass (does/does not) involve ribs __ [#s]. The intercostal muscle (is/is not) grossly involved.

**Note if pleura and/or lung tissue is present and if grossly involved by tumor.*

Specimen Handling: (RS / TE, ___ caps). Ink Key __

SUGGESTED SAMPLING

1-6: Inked resection margins (may include bone), perpendicular

7-10: Tumor (Te if small, 1 per cm if large)

STAGING CRITERIA (AJCC 8TH EDITION)

- N/A (see criteria for site of origin of tumor)

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

- A chest wall resection may include soft tissue, cartilage, sternum and/or ribs.
- Lung tumors that focally invade into the chest wall, may be resected in continuity with portions of several ribs. Make sure to sample chest wall margins and tumor invasion into chest wall soft tissue and/or bone.