

Skin, Shave Biopsy

(11.2 Skin_Shave_Biopsy); Updated October 5th, 2019 by Justin Kerstetter, MD

SAMPLE DICTATION

(Labeled: ____, ____, ____; ____) Received ____ is a _ mm shave biopsy of skin. Centrally located is a _ x _ (hyperpigmented/hypopigmented/erythematous) lesion _ mm from the edges of the biopsy.

Specimen Handling: (TE, ____ caps)

SUGGESTED SAMPLING

1-3: The size of the biopsy will dictate the sectioning. If the shave biopsy is large enough to be trisected perpendicular to the long axis, do so. The three sections should include two pieces showing normal skin with lesion, and one centered on the lesion. If the biopsy is too small to provide large enough sections trisecting it, bisect it along the long axis through the middle of the lesion.

STAGING CRITERIA (AJCC 8TH EDITION)

- Most tumors are not staged on shave biopsy samplings
- Melanocytic tumors can be staged if the bottom of the lesion is not transected; stage is determined primarily by the presence or absence of ulceration and the depth of invasion

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

- N/A