

DPMG POC PROTOCOL

If both cytogenetic study and routine pathology is requested, then do the following: (Option A is best since the splitting can be done in a sterile environment. If the specimen is coming to DPMG late in the day, a pathologist must be available to split the specimen in order to assure that the specimen is sent out the same day for cytogenetic studies.)

- A. If the surgery center divides the fresh POC, place a portion of it into a sterile container in the operating room. This container should indicate that it is for cytogenetic studies. Make sure that the specimen container remains chilled with a cold pack or surrounded by ice, especially in the summer months. The remaining tissue can be placed into formalin for routine pathology. Mark very clearly on the accompanying requisition in the “Site” section that the specimen is to be processed for cytogenetic studies. Call DPMG for a pick-up. If possible, call in advance to assure that a courier will be available for same-day pick-up.
- B. If the specimen is not divided at the surgery center, send the entire fresh specimen to DPMG making sure to mark very clearly on the accompanying requisition in the “Site” section that the specimen is to be processed for cytogenetic studies. Make sure that the specimen container remains chilled with a cold pack or surrounded by ice, especially in the summer months. Call DPMG for a pick-up. If possible, call in advance to assure that a courier will be available for same-day pick-up. DPMG will separate the specimen at the laboratory.

If just routine pathology is requested, then place the tissue in formalin and call DPMG for a pick-up.

All specimens should be labeled with the patient’s name and DOB.