

APPENDIX B

TISSUE NOT REQUIRING EXAMINATION BY PATHOLOGIST

Policy Statement: All tissues, stones and foreign bodies removed during a surgical procedure must be examined by a pathologist.

A. Exceptions for tissues to be received in Pathology

Exceptions to this policy are listed below. These exceptions were reviewed and approved by the Executive Committee.

1. Amputations of traumatically injured membranes
2. Burn tissue
3. Cataract
4. Debridement tissue
5. Foreign body – Bullets, portion of knife or glass, etc.
6. Fingernail/toenail
7. Liposuction material
8. Orthopedic appliance
9. Skin and fat of plastic procedures (except breast tissue)
10. Teeth
11. Tattoo
12. Rib removed to enhance operative exposure

B. Specimens for Gross Examination Only

The following list of specimens will receive Gross examination only, unless specified by the surgeon or if the pathologist determines there is evidence for a pathology report.

1. Accessory fingers or toes
2. Adenoids/tonsils to age 12
3. Atherosclerotic plaques
4. Bunions
5. Nasal bone and cartilage
6. Old scars
7. Rib
8. Torn cartilage or meniscus
9. Vaginal mucosa of reconstruction
10. Foreskin, newborn
11. Meniscus

C. The Pathology report will satisfy verification and official reporting for any specimen that is submitted for examination by Pathologist.