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TABLE I

Specimens which do not require pathologist's examination (unless requested)

Lens cataract
 Clinically normal tissue removal during cosmetic procedure, (e.g. blepharoplasty, etc.),
 Placentas from routine and uncomplicated cases that appears grossly normal
 Extraocular muscle and tendon tissue from strabismus
 Oral hardware (arch bars, wires, bone plates, screws, etc.) and dental appliances
 Therapeutic radioactive sources
 Foreskin from newborn circumcision
 Scars/debridement of recent burns
 Fat contents from liposuction
 Thrombi from vascular access grafts
 Skin and subcutaneous tissue from abdominoplasty
 Orthopedic appliances (hardware) and other radiopaque mechanical devices removal at surgery
 Medical devices not contributing to patient illness, injury, or death (e.g. gastrostomy tubes, stents, sutures, catheters, etc.)
 Pacemaker devices
 Prosthetic or reconstructive implants and appliances: (e.g. penile implants, tissue expanders, etc.)

****Exception: all mammary implants are presently sent**

Teeth
 Toenails and fingernails that are grossly unremarkable

TABLE II

Specimens requiring only gross examination.

Foreign bodies removed at surgery or endoscopy
 Mammary implants
 Intrauterine contraceptive devices

Tonsils and adenoids (age <15)
Portion of rib removed to provide operative exposure
Nasal septum from septoplasty
Uvula and soft palate (for sleep apnea)
Renal calculi (sent for chemical analysis)
Bunionectomy
Bone segments removed as part of corrective or reconstructive orthopedic procedures

TABLE III
Specimens which may require special handling
(Notify pathologist to promptly examine fresh unfixed tissue)

Renal biopsy
Lymph Node biopsy
Breast biopsy
Muscle biopsy
Open lung biopsy
Nerve biopsy