

MUSCLE BIOPSY PROCEDURE

All muscle biopsies are processed for microscopic evaluation, grossing, enzyme histochemistry, immunohistochemistry staining, routine processing, special stains, and frozen section processing.

Specimens should measure 1 cm x 0.5 x 0.5. Once specimen has been collected it should be placed immediately on labeled Petri Dish/urine container with patient information on 4 x4 gauze sponges that have been moistened with saline.

It is imperative that the gauze sponges are not soaked with saline thus causing freezing artifacts then the Petri Dish/urine container is kept cool until ship out overnight to Austin neuromuscular center lab.