



AUSTIN
NEUROMUSCULAR
CENTER



SKIN BIOPSY PROCEDURE

All skin biopsies are processed for microscopic evaluation, histochemistry staining, immunofluorescence stain and frozen section processing.

Specimens should measure 3.0 to 3.5 mm. two specimens for nerve staining should be collected and PLACE IN VIAL WITH ZAMBONI'S FIXATIVE. each specimen container of Zamboni must be secured with the lid completely closed so that there is no fluid leakage. Each of these containers must be labeled with two patient identifiers and specimen source. All biopsy containers from one case will be bagged together in biohazard bags and submitted along with appropriate paperwork that will include all pertinent clinical information. Paperwork will be placed inside the biohazard bag compartment with the specimen containers and ship overnight to Austin Neuromuscular center lab.

Locations: Biopsy sites:

- Distal 10 cm above lateral malleolus
- Proximal 10 cm above knee
- Other acceptable proximal sites: Mid-thigh 20 cm below iliac crest