

PATHOLOGY CONSULTATION

(Mayo ID: PATHC) order submission guide

This guide provides assistance by indicating which documents and specimens are required for testing.

All specimens, requisition, and supporting information must be labeled with two patient identifiers, specimen type, and anatomic site and submitted in English.

- Test order – Submit in [MayoACCESS/MayoLINK](#)
- Cover letter: Submit the [Pathology Consultation Cover Letter](#) (preferred). See **Requirements** if you submit your own cover letter.
- Pathology report: preliminary or final

Note: The final pathology report may be delayed if additional materials are required or ancillary testing is indicated.

Requirements for your own cover letter.

- Patient first and last name, date of birth, medical record number
- Referring pathologist or ordering provider name and phone number
- Anatomic site
- Collection date
- Brief patient history
- **A specific diagnostic question is required for each specimen/part submitted.**

Case type	Bone/soft tissue consults	Neuropathology consults	Placenta consults	Bone marrow consults
Additional required information	<input type="checkbox"/> Preoperative imaging studies These studies must be provided; the consultation will not proceed without radiology films, as a diagnosis cannot be definitively determined.	<input type="checkbox"/> Clinical and/or radiology imaging, if available	Include the following if available: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Labor and delivery notes <input type="checkbox"/> Patient history <input type="checkbox"/> Operation notes <input type="checkbox"/> Imaging reports 	<input type="checkbox"/> Recent Hematology/Oncology clinical note <input type="checkbox"/> Complete blood cell count (CBC) result from testing performed within 14 days of bone marrow collection <input type="checkbox"/> Indicate clinical reason/context for submitting this case <input type="checkbox"/> All pending and final reports for ancillary testing on submitted specimens
Images	Imaging studies should be submitted via Mayo Clinic ImageShare or external storage device, with indication of the transfer method noted on the cover letter. NOTE: ImageShare does not support whole slide images .			

Specimen type	Tissue	Bone marrow aspirate	Bone marrow aspirate clot	Bone marrow core biopsy	Blood
Supplies	Pathology Packaging Kit (T554)	Bone Marrow Collection Guide			
Preferred		5 freshly prepared slides made at time of specimen collection			2 freshly prepared fingerstick slides
Acceptable		5 slides made from EDTA specimen, within 2 hours of collection			2 slides made from EDTA specimen, within 8 hours of collection
Container/tube	Formalin-fixed paraffin-embedded blocks, stained slides, and/or unstained slides*	Plastic slide holder	Bone marrow aspirate clot embedded in paraffin block	Fixed biopsy core embedded in paraffin block	Plastic slide holder
Collection instructions	Submit only pertinent hematoxylin and eosin (H&E) and all special stains relevant to the diagnostic questions for the case. Include positively charged unstained slides and/or a formalin-fixed, paraffin-embedded tissue block if it is anticipated that additional stains or ancillary testing may be necessary.		Process and embed clot in paraffin	Process and embed core in paraffin	

For reference only; do not send with specimens. Contact 800-533-1710 with questions.

*Consultation cases with more than 25 client-stained slides received with the initial request will incur an additional surcharge.