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# **Pathology Specimen Transport Guide**

Proper specimen handling requires that specimen integrity be maintained by proper preservative and that the sample identification and patient identification is clearly labeled on the specimen container and test requisition.

# 1. Please follow specimen requirements

Most specimens are preserved and delivered to the lab in 10% formalin to avoid cellular degeneration. Formalin volume should be 20% greater than the specimen. It is imperative that the bottles are securely closed to avoid leaks and dried out samples.

#### 2. Forms

- ✓ Courier Log for Clients: This form is for your reference and for your office to keep (for possible discrepancies with sample delivery)
- ✓ **Delivery Form:** Complete the "Delivery Form" with only the patients last name, date and number of containers.

### 3. Courier Package

Place the patient biohazard specimen bags/patient requisition into a paper bag for courier pick up. Use the U-secure tamper evident tape to seal paper bag. Attach completed "Delivery form" to outside of paper bag.

## 4. Courier Pick Up

Call Foxy at 1-716-876-3828 to schedule pick up. Have courier initial the Courier Log.

**RPCI Laboratories Courier Information** 

<u>Foxy</u>: 716-876-3828 <u>Billable Account</u>: 6203

Deliver To: RPCI Laboratories, 6420 Transit Road, Depew, NY 14043

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