

PACKING AND LABELING REQUIREMENTS FOR “DIAGNOSTIC SPECIMENS”

Packaging Instructions:

- 1) Jar must be “leak-proof”, secure cap to jar tightly. (Do not use urine cups, prescription bottles. They leak. **NEVER** use glass jars)
- 2) Wrap jar in absorbent material
- 3) Place wrapped jar in sample bag and seal.
- 4) Please do not place request form inside bag with the sample. Put it in the outside pocket on the bag.
- 5) Place items in box and secure with packaging tape.

Boxes provided meet postal requirements and are pre- addressed. Postage is the responsibility of the sender.

Histology supplies provided upon request. (Shipping boxes, jars, bio bags, and absorbent materials)

PACKING AND LABELING REQUIREMENTS FOR CYTOLOGY SLIDES

1. Upon taking the sample, please clearly label the slides as to the source if more than one.
2. Place slides in the provided slide holders.
3. Place slide holder in provided bio-bag
4. Place request form in the outside pocket of the bio-bag
5. Place bio-bag with slides and request form in the provided bubble mailer for shipping.

Bubble mailers provided meet postal requirements and are pre- addressed. Postage is the responsibility of the sender.

Cytology supplies provided upon request (bubble mailers, bio-bag, slide holders)

PACKAGING AND LABELING REQUIREMENTS FOR STONE ANALYSIS

1. Please rinse urolith(s) gently in water and air dry. Place clean dry urolith(s) in non-breakable container and label with owner and patient name. Do not send samples in gauze, cotton, or tape. Samples do not need to be shipped on ice or with ice packs. Do not send in formalin or any other liquid.
2. We can accept samples from all species (EXCEPT primates and humans). Be sure to provide detailed species identification when entering patient information on the request form.
3. Once the sample is received at our office it is sent to the Minnesota Urolith Center for processing.
4. The average turn around time of the referral lab is approximately 10-14 business days upon receipt of the sample from FVP.

When shipping the sample to FVP postage is the responsibility of the sender.

**** We suggest that you always get a tracking number for any sample sent in.**