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Tissue submitted for routine pathology examination should be placed in 10% formalin for preservation. Prefilled 4 oz. formalin containers can be obtained from the histology section of the laboratory. For large tissue samples, empty 16, 64, and 165 oz. containers are available. Formalin is available for use with these containers and is located in a cube, in between the grossing stations on the right side of the gross room. All containers are located in the supply storage cabinets to the left as you enter histology. The specimen should be labeled and sent to histology with a tissue examination request form.

Tissue submitted for special studies may require a different fixation method or no fixation at all. The Pathologist-on-call should be called at 541-6026 or extension 16026 inside the hospital, to receive instructions on how to submit tissue for special studies.

Any additional questions about the containers or formalin can be answered by calling histology at 541-6902 or extension 16092 inside the hospital.

Urinary Calculi for Analysis

1. Strain urine carefully through urine strainer.
2. Place calculi in empty urinary specimen container, red-top blood specimen tube, or empty specimen container. Do not place calculi on tape. (The adhesive interferes with analysis).
3. Send calculi in container with completed request form to the laboratory.