

Pathology Reports

The pathology report corresponding to the tissue removal surgery must be included with each shipment of tissue. Do not cut and paste from the electronic medical record (EMR). It is acceptable to print a PDF so that the entire report is included with the specimens. If any of the required data is missing, then processing may be delayed until an updated report is submitted.

1. Pathology reports must include the following:

- a. Date of procedure,
 - b. Surgical pathology ID (SPID) or accession number,
 - c. Block number(s) with description of each block,
 - d. Anatomic site,
 - e. Diagnosis, and
 - f. Gross description.
2. Reports must be in English or include a translation of all information listed above.
 3. Write the SWOG Participant ID on each page of the report, and redact information that is not required (see redaction guidelines below).

Redaction Guidelines

- The SWOG Biospecimen Bank should receive only the minimum necessary personally identifiable information (PII) for translational medicine and biobanking.
- Remove participant identifiers, such as name, date of birth, medical record number, social security number, and insurance information from the pathology report.
- Do not redact the date of procedure, surgical pathology ID (SPID) number (may also be called accession number), block number, or diagnosis.

SWOG Biospecimen Bank Definitions of Tissue Type:

- **Primary**: the initial source of tumor tissue, including residual tumor from the primary site. Must make biological sense for tumor type (e.g., colon cancer in colon tissue).
- **Metastatic**: tumor tissue collected at sites separate from the primary lesion, including local and distant metastatic tumor and residual tumor from the metastatic site (e.g., lung tumor biopsy for prostate cancer)
- **Normal**: tissue that does not contain tumor, including lymph nodes negative for tumor.