

Question: The origination pathology always prints the path ID / block ID on the block. However, the sides of the blocks are waxy and in many cases we cannot write any information on it in a legible manner. What can be done in these cases?

Answer: The path/block ID is already present, so you would only need to add the SWOG registration number or participant ID on the block itself. In these instances, on the non-tissue side of the block, placing a sticky label with the participant ID on just the paraffin wax itself would be sufficient. Additionally, on the outer packaging, whether that's a plastic bag or a block holder, including a label with all the other required information would probably be the best approach. Labeling templates can be found [here](#).

Question: Do specimens need to be fully frozen before shipping on dry ice?

Answer: Yes, they need to be fully frozen prior to shipment on dry ice.

Quality Assurance: Biospecimen Collection and Submission Polling Questions

1. *What is the most common labeling error we see at the SWOG Biospecimen Bank (information missing or discrepant)?*
 - a. Collection date
 - b. Participant identifiers
 - c. Surgical pathology ID
 - d. Block number

Answer: b. Participant identifiers

2. *What question regarding specimens does our incoming questions team receive the most frequently?*
 - a. Can SST tubes be substituted for Red Top tubes, or vice versa?
 - b. Questions regarding timing of specimen collection
 - c. What volume of blood collection tubes can be used?
 - d. Are you closed on this date (i.e., Saturdays or Holidays)?
 - e. Do you provide airbills?

Answer: b. Questions regarding timing of specimen collection

3. *What question related to the Specimen Tracking System does our incoming questions team receive the most frequently?*
 - a. Can you mark this shipment as received in the Specimen Tracking System?
 - b. How do I update a packing list that has been marked as shipped?
 - c. Can I send specimens without the participant being registered?

Answer: a. Can you mark this shipment as received in the Specimen Tracking System?

4. *What is the number one submission error that we see at the SWOG Biospecimen Bank?*
 - a. Missing pathology reports
 - b. Quantity discrepancies
 - c. Specimen labeling information missing or discrepant
 - d. Missing packing list

Answer: c. Specimen labeling information missing or discrepant

5. *What is the correct shipping address for the SWOG Biospecimen Bank?*
 - a. 2200 International Street, Columbus, OH 43228
 - b. 700 Children's Drive, WA1340, Columbus, OH 43205
 - c. 411 Woody Hayes Dr, Columbus, OH 43210

Answer: a. 2200 International Street