



**Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center**  
**DEPARTMENT OF NURSING**  
**SPECIAL PROCEDURES**  
**POLICY AND PROCEDURE**

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**SUBJECT: HANDLING OF PATHOLOGY SPECIMENS -  
SPECIAL PROCEDURES**

**Policy No.: SPL15**  
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**Purpose:** To delineate how to manage pathology specimens in Special Procedures.

**Physician's Order Required:** Yes

**Performed by:** RN, LVN

**Equipment:** As outlined in policy SPL25 – Care of Patient before, during and after endoscopic procedure.

**Policy Statement:** Small tissue samples are obtained for microscopic examination, culture, or to test for helicobacter pyloric. A biopsy forcep or cytology brush is used to obtain specimen during endoscopy.

**Policy Guidelines**

Tissues, cultures and foreign bodies removed from a patient during an endoscopic procedure will be handled according to the Department of Pathology policy and procedure. The specimens will be submitted to the Pathology Laboratory and a report of findings will be filed in the patient's medical record.

**Documentation**

Document type of specimen and what specimen is to be examined for on the Web Periop Documentation and Moderate Sedation flow sheet.

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**Reviewers:**

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**Reference:**

2009 Manual of Gastrointestinal Procedures, 5th Ed.  
Rancho Los Amigos Medical Center Laboratory Manual

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