

**OLIVE VIEW-UCLA MEDICAL CENTER
DEPARTMENT OF PATHOLOGY
POLICY & PROCEDURE**

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SUBJECT/TITLE: SS 003 - SPECIAL STAIN CONTROL TISSUE

POLICY: A positive tissue control shall be included with each stained slide that is submitted to the pathologist for diagnostic review.

PURPOSE: To ensure the required staining properties are present in the unknown (patient) tissue.

DEPARTMENTS: PATHOLOGY & LABORATORY SERVICES

DEFINITIONS:

- PROCEDURE:**
- I. Positive control tissues may either be ordered from an outside facility or derived from in-house tissue blocks which appear to contain the positive staining properties, for the required stain.
 - II. Both in house tissue and purchased control slides shall be processed in the same manner as the unknown patient tissue.
 - III. A positive control shall be provided for each for stain that is distributed to the pathologist. However, if there are multiple cases with the same stain delivered to the same pathologist, the positive controls may be “batched”
 - IV. If the positive control(s) has been “batched”, it will be indicated on the Special Stains Quality Control Form. (HIS 96 Form 2)
 - V. The control tissue may either be placed on the same slide as the unknown tissue (positioned at the bottom of the slide) or on a separate slide which shall be submitted with the case.
 - VI. The technician shall review the slide(s) to verify that the appropriate staining properties are present. If they are not present the following should be implemented:
 - Alert the pathologist.
 - Repeat the stain and verify that all staining protocols are being followed.
 - VII. The pathologist shall conduct the final review and approval of the positive controls either before or concurrently with issuing the diagnostic report.

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VIII. The pathologist shall document their findings on HIS 96 Form 2.

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