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THERE HAVE BEEN SOME CONCERNS OF LATE RE THE SIZE OF CONTAINERS AND THE AMOUNT OF FIXATIVE USED. WE HAVE HAD TWO SPECIMENS ( AT LEAST) THAT WERE QUESTIONABLE AS TO WHETHER THE CORRECT DIAGNOSIS AND OR MARGINS COULD BE GIVEN. THERE HAVE ALSO BEEN CONCERNS RE THE RESULTS THE PATH ARE GETTING WITH THE MASTECTOMY SPECIMENS ( I HAD ADDRESSED THOSE CONCERNS EARLIER, WITH THE REQUEST FROM DR. COOK)

SO, I HAVE ORDERED 500 ML SPECIMEN CONTAINERS TO TAKE THOSE SPECIMENS THAT REALLY DON'T FIT INTO THE SMALL ONES. THEY WILL BE IN SHORTLY.

THE RULE OF THUMB SHOULD BE: IF YOU THINK THE CONTAINER IS BIG ENOUGH, GO TO THE NEXT SIZE, THE PATHOLOGIST WANT EVERY SPECIMEN SOAKED WITH LOTS AND LOTS OF FORMALIN SO THAT THE FORMALIN WILL REACH ALL CELLS OF THE SPECIMEN.

THIS IS SO IMPORTANT, THEY HAD A CONSULTANT DONW FROM TORONTO LAST WK TO HELP THEM SORT OUT SOME OF THE ISSUES AND I MET WITH DR. CARTER AND THE CONSULTANT AT THAT TIME.

I FELT CONFIDENT IN TELLING THEM THAT MY STAFF WOULD FOLLOW WHATEVER PROTOCOL WAS DEEMED NECESSARY TO GIVE EVERY PATIENT THE BEST DIAGNOSIS POSSIBLE, TO ALLOW THAT PATIENT TO RECEIVE THE CORRECT TREATMENT AND CHANCE FOR SURVIVAL.

MOST SPECIMENS SHOULD PROBABLY GO IN THE 500 ML CONTAINER: IE GALLBLADDERS, MELANOMAS, AND SO ON. THE SMALL CONTAINER SHOULD ONLY BE USED FOR VERY SMALL SPECIMENS ie ENT

thanks for your help in this matter

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