



Shipping Instructions

1. Submit specimens for histopathology in 10% neutral buffered formalin in a leak-proof plastic container (see specific dermatopathology and surgical pathology pages and general submission guidelines; please contact us to order containers).
2. Place the plastic container(s) inside a sealed zip lock bag along with absorbent material (paper) sufficient to absorb any leakage, should this occur. Multiple containers from one patient can be submitted in the same bag.
3. Place bag inside a 2nd sealed zip lock bag along with the completed test request form.
4. Multiple cases can be mailed together, with containers from different patients placed in separate plastic bags along with their respective request forms.
5. Place samples and paperwork in an appropriately sized box along with sufficient padding (paper or plastic) to prevent excessive movement.
6. Send samples to:
Specialty VETPATH
520 N 74th Street
Seattle WA 98103

Note: Sample packaging guidelines above apply for all carriers. Clients can use their preferred carrier for shipping samples to our laboratory. We use and recommend USPS Priority Mail, which provides fast (1-2 days from most US locations) and economical delivery of samples as well as shipping notification, tracking and delivery confirmation. Free Priority Mail boxes can be ordered on line at <http://www.usps.com> and will be delivered to your clinic by your mail carrier at no charge, and you can easily order and pay for labels online and print labels in your clinic (Click-N-Ship). Packages can be picked up by your regular mail carrier, dropped off at a post office, or (for small boxes) placed in a blue mail collection box. If you choose to use Priority Mail:

- Small formalin vials (up to 20 ml) can be shipped in a Small Flat-Rate Box.
- For intermediate-sized containers (up to 120 ml), use the Large Video Mailing Box (O-1096L).
- For larger containers (up to 1 liter), use the 7x7x6" Mailing Box (O-BOX4).
- Very large containers may require the Large Flat Rate Box or O-BOX7.

Please contact us at 206-245-8426 for specific instructions prior to mailing large specimens, or if you have any questions regarding shipping of samples.