

Stanford Health Care – Tri-Valley Department Specific Policy	Last Approval Date: Feb 2023
Name of Policy: Tissues not Requiring Submission to Pathology	Policy Section and Number:
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The following surgical specimens are exempt from pathology examination:

General Surgery – Simple scar tissue, not associated with disease, finger and toe nails, foreign bodies without medico legal implications or history of cancer or infections, debridement specimens except when associated with disease, hernia sac, except in children under 5 years old.

Thoracic Surgery – Rib segments or other tissues removed for gaining surgical access.

Plastic Surgery – Liposuction specimens, facelift tissue, skin flaps.

Ophthalmology – Cataracts

Oral Maxillofacial – Teeth with attached soft tissue.

Otorhinology – Middle ear ossicles, nasal septum removed for function (inflamed septal tissues shall be submitted for pathology review).

Urology – Normal foreskin.

OB/GYN – Routine placentas.

Exceptions to sending specimens removed during surgical procedure for pathology are made only when the quality of patient care will not be compromised by the exception as determined by attending physician.

References: Title 22, California Administrative Code; Section 70223(g), Section 70129
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