HEART BIOPSY

Orderable - Surgical Pathology Request

Turnaround Time: Weekdays
Testing not available after hours or weekends

Alternate Name(s):
Endomyocardial biopsy

Specimen:
Heart muscle for diagnosis or post-transplant. Fresh or in saline.

Collection Information:
Do not add formalin
Add a small amount of saline—do not let the tissue dry out.

Prior notification required.
Specimens must be received by 1200 hrs for Rapid reporting.

Victoria Hospital
Monday to Friday from 0800-1600. Call ext: 52904
Take specimen to Pathology Satellite Lab RM D2-700

University Hospital
Monday to Friday from 0800-1600
Call ext: 35719

Reference Ranges:
See report

Interpretive Comments:
Refer to “Rush Requests for Surgical Pathology Specimens”
**Critical Information Required:**

Clinical history is crucial to an accurate diagnosis. It is important to indicate if it is a heart transplant biopsy or a "diagnostic" heart biopsy.

**Storage and Shipment:**

Send STAT to Pathology Lab. See above for specific site instructions.