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Although there are many resources that describe surgical procedures and preparation of clinical tissues, there is little published guidance on procurement practices for research samples. This manual covers various human anatomic systems and organs most involved in research procurement with sections illustrating and describing:

1. Anatomy – normal anatomy
2. Tumors – typical locations and types of disease conditions
3. Procedures – lists surgeries indicating which are more or less likely to produce research samples
4. Procedure – selected key surgeries
5. Procurement – selected specific research procurement steps
6. Tips – expert advice

There are several key concepts that guide research tissue procurement activity:

• Clinical needs always have priority over research needs. Even after tissue has been procured for research, it may be recalled to be used for clinical purposes.
• Tracking the time removed from the body and the time until preservation is critical.
• Weigh, measure, and ink excised tissue before sectioning and then weigh and measure the sections before further processing.
• Quality control involves determining how much of the sample is tumor (or otherwise of interest) and how much is necrotic along with confirming the initial/preliminary diagnosis, primary anatomic site, whether metastatic (procured anatomic site) and various molecular markers.
Instruments

1. ink
2. long knives
3. knife
4. scissors
5. probe
6. scalpel
7. blade
8. tongs
9. ruler
10. swab
11. forceps
12. small scoop
1. dura mater
2. brain
3. pituitary
4. mouth
5. tongue
6. thyroid, parathyroid
Anatomy

Head & Neck

Anterior lymph nodes in neck

Lymph node anatomy in other sections
- Lung
- Stomach
- Colon & Rectum
- Pancreas
- Spleen
- Female Reproductive
- Lymphatic System
Head & Neck

Lateral superior lymph nodes in neck

Lymph node anatomy in other sections
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Lateral lymph nodes in neck

Lymph node anatomy in other sections

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Anatomy

1. parietal lobe
2. frontal lobe
3. occipital lobe
4. temporal lobe
5. cerebellum
6. brain stem
7. limbic lobe
8. corpus callosum
9. frontal sinus
10.3rd ventricle
11. pituitary
12. sphenoid sinus
13. sphenoid bone
14. pituitary gland
15.4th ventricle
Tumors

1. abscess
2. epidural abscess
3. subdural empyema
4. ventriculitis
5. meningitis
6. encephalitis
1. tumor metastasis from breast, lung, bone, etc.
1. glioblastoma multiforme
1. pigmented metastatic melanoma
More likely to support procurement:

- autopsy
- **craniotomy** - surgical removal of part of the bone from the skull to expose the brain. This part (bone flap) is subsequently replaced after the brain surgery has been done.
- CPA (cerebellopontine angle)

Less likely to support procurement:

- none
Craniotomy (part 1)

1. bore holes drilled into cranium not dura
2. cranial bone
3. cut bone line
4. tumor (located under top of skull and dura)
5. skin scalp flap
6. drill
Craniotomy (part 2)
1. removed cranial "cap"
2. dura
3. tumor
4. skin scalp flap
5. tumor (located under dura)
6. cranium
To be added
1. small anterior adenoma
2. large anterior adenoma
More likely to support procurement:
- autopsy
- transnasal excision – removal of part or all of the pituitary gland (via nostrils).

Less likely to support procurement:
- none
To be added
Mouth & Tongue

1. nasal cavity
2. hard palate
3. soft palate
4. nasopharynx
5. uvula
6. anterior tongue
7. posterior tongue
8. oropharynx
9. laryngopharynx
10. glottis
11. larynx
12. gum
13. floor of mouth
14. oral cavity
15. pharynx
16. lips
Tumors

1. pharyngeal tonsil carcinoma
2. palatine tonsil carcinoma
3. root of tongue carcinoma
4. carcinoma of anterior/superior tongue
5. carcinoma of floor of mandible invasion
Mouth & Tongue

More likely to support procurement:
• glossectomy - surgical removal of part (partial) or one side (hemi) of the tongue.

Less likely to support procurement:
• none
Mouth & Tongue

To be added
Anatomy

1. nasal cavity/conchae
2. nasal vestibule
3. nasopharynx
4. anterior nasal spine
5. epiglottis
6. larynx
7. trachea
8. esophagus
1. nasopharyngeal carcinoma
2. laryngeal carcinoma (at base of tongue)
3. laryngeal carcinoma (at top of larynx)
4. laryngeal postcricoid carcinoma
Squamous cell carcinoma in oropharynx, well differentiated. Note that morphology is clear at various magnifications.

1. 0.8X
2. 5X
3. 20X
4. 40X
More likely to support procurement:

• nasopharyngectomy - endoscopic or open surgical resection of the nasopharynx.

Less likely to support procurement:

• rhinoseptoplasty (rhinoplasty) - is surgery on the nose to change its shape or improve its function.
Nasopharynx

To be added
1. brain
2. pituitary
3. mouth
4. tongue
5. oropharynx
6. larynx viewed from above (superior view)
7. lost tongue glosso-epiglottic (hyoepiglottic) ligament
8. epiglottis
9. larynx
10. false cords
11. trachea
12. interarytenoid erasure
13. thyroid, parathyroid
Larynx

1. thyroid membrane
2. thyroid cartilage
3. larynx
4. parathyroid (on back side)
5. thyroid (front view)
6. trachea
1. nasopharyngeal carcinoma
2. laryngeal carcinoma (at base of tongue)
3. larynx viewed from above (superior view)
4. extensive laryngeal carcinoma of left vocal arytenoid region (at top of larynx)
5. laryngeal postcricoid carcinoma
Larynx

More likely to support procurement:
- open partial laryngectomy - surgical procedure on the voice box designed to preserve the voice. Part of the voice box (one vocal cord, part of a cord, or the epiglottis) is removed.

Less likely to support procurement:
- none
Larynx

To be added
1. thyroid membrane
2. thyroid cartilage
3. larynx
4. parathyroid (on back side)
5. thyroid (front view)
6. trachea
1. early papillary carcinoma +/- 80%?
2. late papillary carcinoma +/- 80%?
3. cross section of excised late papillary carcinoma +/- 80%?
4. thyroid (front view)
5. early follicular carcinoma +/- 20%?
6. late follicular carcinoma +/- 20%?
7. cross section of excised late follicular carcinoma +/- 80%?
More likely to support procurement:
• *thyroidectomy* – surgery to remove the thyroid gland or thyroid tumors.
• parathyroidectomy - surgery to remove the parathyroid glands or parathyroid tumors.

Less likely to support procurement:
• none
Thyroidectomy
1. hyoid bone
2. thyroid membrane
3. thyroid cartilage
4. thyroid
5. incision
6. trachea
7. extracted thyroid with two tumors
8. tumor
9. venous channel
Hemi-thyroid (1-3)
1. extracted half of thyroid before inking
2. during inking
3. during sectioning

Nodule (4-6)
4. extracted thyroid nodule before inking
5. after inking
6. after sectioning
Thyroid & Parathyroid

1. thyroid sections
2. measure section width/length
3. measure section thickness
• To be added
Heart

To be added
Heart

To be added
• heart transplant - surgery to remove a person's diseased heart and replace it with a healthy heart from a deceased donor.
• autopsy
• valve replacement

Heart
Heart

To be added
Heart

To be added

Tips
1. trachea
2. right superior lobe (lung)
3. left superior lobe (lung)
4. right middle lobe (lung)
5. right inferior lobe (lung)
6. left inferior lobe (lung)
7. liver
8. stomach
9. visceral pleura
10. main (primary) bronchus
11. horizontal fissure of lung
12. lobar (secondary) bronchus
13. coronal lymph nodes
14. segmental (tertiary) bronchus
15. oblique fissure of right lung
Lymph nodes in left thorax
1. heart

Lymph node anatomy in other sections
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Apically located (at apex of lung)
1. squamous cell carcinoma
Tumors

Anatomy

Tumors

Procedures

Procurement

Tips

Next

References

Centrally located in lung
1. small cell carcinoma
Lung

Located in mid-lung
1. hilar lymph nodes
2. large cell carcinoma
Peripherally located in lung
1. adenocarcinoma
Metastatic pattern in lung possibly from kidney
Pleural malignancy (lung)
1. mesothelioma
Lung

More likely to support procurement:

- segmentectomy or segmental resection (lung) - is a surgical procedure to remove part of a lung, as a sub-type of a resection, which might involve removing the whole lung. It may also be used to remove a tumor and normal tissue around it.
- lobectomy (lung) - surgical removal of a lobe of a lung.
- pneumonectomy - surgical removal of a lung or part of a lung.
- lung transplant - is a surgical procedure to replace a diseased or failing lung with a healthy lung, usually from a deceased donor.

Less likely to support procurement:

- none
Lung lobectomy
1. apex tumor
2. right upper lobectomy
3. endovascular stapler and endoleader
4. pulmonary lymph nodes
5. pulmonary artery
6. superior pulmonary vein stapled
7. pericardium over right ventricular
8. resected upper right lung specimen
Lung

1. uninked lung
2. inked lung
3. lung after incision
4. lung opened at tumor
• To be added
Gastrointestinal (GI) Tract

1. esophagus
2. lung
3. liver
4. stomach
5. gallbladder (behind liver)
6. transverse of large intestine/colon
7. descending colon
8. ileum of colon
9. jejunum
Esophagus

1. location of esophagus
2. to be added
3. to be added
1. upper, carcinoma
2. intramural leiomyoma
3. mid, ulcerative infiltrative carcinoma
4. lower, primary ulcerated carcinoma
5. lower, adenocarcinoma
More likely to support procurement:

- esophagectomy - is surgery to remove part or all of the esophagus. This is the tube that moves food from throat to stomach. After it is removed, the esophagus is rebuilt from part of the stomach or part of the large intestine.

Less likely to support procurement:

- none
Esophagus

1. tumor
2. area of resected esophagus
3. resected esophagus specimen
4. dissected esophagus with tumor
1. pin top half
2. pin bottom half
Anatomy

1. esophagus
2. stomach
3. duodenum of small intestine
Stomach

Stomach lymph nodes

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1. adenocarcinoma of fundus
2. adenocarcinoma of cardiac stomach
3. polypoid adenocarcinoma
4. submucosal lymphoma
5. early carcinoma – thickened rigidity of mucosa-stomach wall
6. colloid adenocarcinoma
7. infiltrating ulcerative adenocarcinoma
8. gastrointestinal stromal tumor (GIST) – sectioned from stomach rugae
9. duodenal adenocarcinoma
10. linitis plastica
11. pyloric adenocarcinoma
Acute and/or chronic gastritis may be seen with neoplasia anywhere on stomach mucosa.
More likely to support procurement:

- **gastrectomy** – surgical removal of all or part of the stomach
- sleeve gastrectomy - a surgical weight-loss procedure in which the stomach is reduced to about 15% of its original size, by surgical removal of a large portion of the stomach along the greater curvature.
- gastric bypass (Roux-en-Y) - a type of weight-loss surgery that involves creating a small pouch from the stomach and connecting the newly created pouch directly to the small intestine. Parts of the stomach and small intestine are removed.
- duodenal switch with biliopancreatic diversion - entails two major steps: 1) sleeve gastrectomy (the pyloric valve that releases food to the small intestine remains, along with a limited portion of the small intestine that normally connects to the stomach) 2) bypass the majority of the intestine by connecting the end portion of the intestine to the duodenum near the stomach. The rest of intestine removed and available.

Less likely to support procurement:

- laparoscopic adjustable gastric banding - is a surgery where an inflatable silicone device is placed around the top portion of the stomach.
Gastrectomy
1. anterior organ exposure for stomach resection
2. various possible gastric resections (incision locations for full or partial removal)
3. subtotal gastrectomy specimen (lower 1/3 of stomach)
4. total gastrectomy specimen (entire stomach)
5. tumors
6. gastric lymph nodes
Stomach

1. stomach spread out
2. section
3. section
4. section
5. section
6. section
7. section
8. tumor section
9. section
10. section
Small Intestine

1. esophagus
2. lungs
3. liver
4. stomach
5. large intestine (colon)
6. duodenum of small intestine (hidden by liver)
7. jejunum of small intestine
8. colon
9. ileum of small intestine
Small Intestine

Related conditions
1. leiomyoma
2. lipoma
3. polyps
4. cavernous hemangioma
Tumors

1. carcinoid
2. multiple carcinoids
3. leiomyosarcoma
4. melanomas
5. polyps
6. adenosarcoma
7. lymphoma
8. gastrointestinal stroma tissue (GIST)
9. GIST lobular
10. ulcerative carcinoma
Small Intestine

More likely to support procurement:
• small bowel resection

Less likely to support procurement:
• none
Small bowel resection
1. omentum
2. extracting section to check margin
3. ascending colon
4. gap made by removing length (partial resection) of small intestine
5. cecum
6. tumor
To be added
Colon & Rectum

1. transverse colon
2. hepatic flexure
3. splenic flexure
4. lymph nodes
5. ascending colon
6. descending colon
7. mesentery
8. ileum of small intestine
9. sigmoid colon
10. cecum
11. rectum
Colon & Rectum

Anatomy

1. exterior ileocecal junction
2. exterior cecum
3. interior ileocecal junction
4. interior cecum
Colon & Rectum

Ileocecal junction lymph nodes

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Important tumors in situ

1. ulcerative infiltrating adenocarcinoma of hepatic flexure
2. constricting adenocarcinoma of transverse colon
3. infiltrating fungative adenocarcinoma of splenic flexure
4. polyps of descending colon
5. polypoid adenocarcinoma of ascending colon
6. cecal adenocarcinoma
7. infiltrating adenocarcinoma of sigmoid
8. ulcerating adenocarcinoma of rectum
9. carcinoid of appendix
10. melanoma of rectum
11. carcinoma of rectum
12. tumor of rectum
Tumors

Neoplasia extension and secondary metastasis to colon from other organs, primarily the stomach
 Colon & Rectum

Adenocarcinoma (colon).

1. 1X
2. 5X
3. 20X
4. 40X
Colorectal Procedures

More likely to support procurement:

- polypectomy - a procedure used to remove polyps from the inside of the colon, usually during a colonoscopy. A polyp is an abnormal collection of tissue.
- surgical colon resection, hemicolecction, partial colectomy or bowel resection - removal of a various parts of the colon (see summary of colon neoplasm resections or segmental colectomies)
- total colectomy - removal of the large intestine from the lowest part of the small intestine (ileum) to the rectum.
- total proctocolectomy - removal of the entire colon with anastomosis of the end of the small bowel to the rectum (and creation of a pouch).

Less likely to support procurement:

- none
Colon neoplasm resections (segmental colectomies)

1. cecum and ascending to hepatic flexure
2. cecum, ascending and transverse to splenic flexure
3. transverse from hepatic to splenic flexures
4. part of transverse including splenic flexure and descending
5. splenic flexure, descending and sigmoid
6. part of descending, sigmoid and rectum
Colon & Rectum

Surgical resection of sigmoid colon
1. location of resection
2. resected portion with tumor and adjacent mesentery and lymph nodes
3. adjacent mesentery
4. adjacent lymph nodes
5. tumor (adenocarcinoma of sigmoid)
Resection of descending/sigmoid colon (left hemicolectomy) and rectum

1. tumor
2. extracting mesenteric lymph nodes
Dissection of mesenteric lymph nodes

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Specimen tissue sectioning procedure
1. neoplasm dissection
2. resulting neoplasm section
3. polyp in situ
4. extracted polyp with lines indicating where to get section
5. resulting section of polyp
Appendix

1. exterior of cecum
2. appendix
3. interior of cecum
Appendix

Cutaway view of tumor
1. tumor

Adhesions
2. scarring, appendicitis, neoplasia
Appendix

More likely to support procurement:
• appendectomy - a surgical operation to remove the appendix.
• hemicolectomy - a surgical procedure that involves removing a segment of the colon sometimes with cecum and/or appendix.

Less likely to support procurement:
• none
Left hemicolecction with appendix and cecal tumor

1. tumor on cecum
2. enlarged appendix with tumor in situ before removal (nearby lymph nodes shown)
3. margin tissue
4. normal adjacent tissue
5. submitted tissue
6. bi-section
7. bisected tissue
1. enlarged in situ before removal (nearby lymph nodes highlighted)
2. submitted tissue
3. margin tissue
4. normal adjacent tissue
5. bi-section
6. bisected tissue
Anatomy

1. right lobe
2. left lobe
3. gallbladder
4. inferior vena cava
5. hepatic vein
6. ligament of vena cava
7. caudate lobe
8. hepatic vein
9. hepatic duct
10. hepatic artery
11. quadrate lobe
12. round ligament
Macronodular cirrhosis
1. surface appearance
2. Primary liver, hepatocellular carcinoma with cirrhosis, infiltrative diffuse malignancy
1. hepatoblastoma (primary)
2. hepatocellular carcinoma
1. multifocal-massive hepatocellular carcinoma (primary)
1. metastasis to liver
2. metastasis to stomach
3. metastasis to lymph nodes
4. diseased gallbladder
5. metastasis to or from pancreas
6. duodenum
7. transverse colon
8. ascending colon
Liver

Metastatic disease

1. cross section of metastasis to liver from other organs
2. portal vein
More likely to support procurement:
- partial hepatectomy (liver resection) - is a type of surgery designed to remove cancerous tumors from the liver.

Less likely to support procurement:
- none
Partial hepatectomy

1. anterior liver position and hepatectomy incision
2. mobilized/exposed liver position
3. resection incision for right hepatectomy
4. incision
5. tumor
6. resected hepatic specimen
Liver

1. extracted
2. inked
3. initial cut
Liver

Solitary lesion
Anatomy

1. common hepatic duct
2. neck of gallbladder
3. cystic duct
4. body of gallbladder
5. common bile duct
6. to jejunum (distal)
7. duodenum
8. ampulla of Vater
9. head of pancreas
Gallbladder

1. invasion of liver from gallbladder
2. normal liver
3. gallbladder
4. common hepatic duct
5. constriction or tumor
6. chronic obstruction
7. pancreas
8. tumor or chronic obstruction at ampulla of Vater
9. duodenum of small intestine
1. metastasis to liver
2. metastasis to stomach
3. metastasis to lymph nodes
4. diseased gallbladder
5. metastasis to or from pancreas
6. duodenum
7. transverse colon
8. ascending colon
The gallbladder may be enlarged as a result of conditions of the liver, biliary tract, and/or pancreas. It can also enlarge because of infections, neoplastic developments, and/or obstructions of the biliary tract, stones or neoplastic development. The gallbladder can become greatly enlarged.
Gallbladder

More likely to support procurement:
• *(open) cholecystectomy* - surgical removal of the gallbladder via one large cut.
• *laparoscopic cholecystectomy* via several small cuts instead of one large one.

Less likely to support procurement:
• none
(Open) cholecystectomy

1. surgical anatomy with retractor (anterior location of gallbladder and abdominal organs)
2. resected specimen with tumor
Laparoscopic cholecystectomy

1. liver
2. gallbladder
3. surgical entry port locations
4. elevation of gallbladder infundibulum and exposure of porta hepatis
5. retracting infundibulum
6. clip off cystic artery
7. hemoclip on cyst duct
8. porta hepatis
9. specimen
Gallbladder

To be added
1. gallbladder
2. common bile duct
3. duodenum
4. from stomach (proximal)
5. ampulla of Vater
6. stomach
7. head (proximal)
8. to jejunum (distal)
9. neck
10. body
11. jejunum
12. pancreatic duct
13. pancreas
14. tail (distal)
15. spleen
Pancreas

Pancreatic lymph nodes

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Anatomy
Pancreas

Axis lymph nodes

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Pancreas

Tumors with lymph nodes
1. head
2. body
3. tail
Pancreas

1. tumor in head
2. tumor in body
3. tumor in tail
1. normal liver
2. gallbladder
3. common hepatic duct
4. constriction or tumor?
5. chronic obstruction?
6. pancreas
7. tumor or chronic obstruction at ampulla of Vater
8. duodenum of small intestine
1. metastasis to liver
2. metastasis to stomach
3. metastasis to lymph nodes
4. diseased gallbladder
5. metastasis to or from pancreas
6. duodenum
7. transverse colon
8. ascending colon
Pancreas

More likely to support procurement:

- ampullectomy - endoscopic ampullectomy is a minimally invasive method of treating superficial lesions of the ampulla of Vater.
- tumor surgery summary
- pancreaticoduodenectomy (Whipple)
- distal pancreatectomy - surgery to remove the body and the tail of the pancreas. The spleen may also be removed.

Less likely to support procurement:

- none
Tumor surgery summary

1. initial incision
2. anterior deep location of pancreas, posterior to stomach
3. mobilized stomach, spleen and duodenum to reveal pancreas
4. stomach
5. spleen
6. tumor
7. possible pancreas tumor locations in head (60% of tumors), mid/body (10%) and tail (5%). 25% of pancreatic tumors are diffuse.
8. subtotal pancreatectomy and spleen (extracted tail and body of pancreas and spleen from distal pancreatectomy)
9. subtotal pancreatectomy and spleen (extracted pancreas and spleen where stomach not removed)
10. extracted material from total pancreatectomy (Whipple procedure)
Pancreaticoduodenectomy (Whipple)

This procedure consists of the duodenum with ampulla of Vater, the pancreas, and the distal common bile duct. Usually a small portion of distal stomach is attached to the proximal end of the duodenum.
Distal pancreatectomy
This procedure consists of the surgery to remove the body and the tail of the pancreas. The spleen may also be removed.
Pancreas

1. head
2. body
3. spleen
Anatomy

1. gallbladder
2. common bile duct
3. duodenum
4. from stomach (proximal)
5. ampulla of Vater
6. stomach
7. head (proximal)
8. to jejunum (distal)
9. neck
10. body
11. jejunum
12. pancreatic duct
13. pancreas
14. tail (distal)
15. spleen

Spleen
More likely to support procurement:

- **splenectomy** – surgery to remove the spleen.
- distal pancreatectomy - surgery to remove the body and the tail of the pancreas. The spleen may also be removed.

Less likely to support procurement:

- none
Spleen

Procedure

1. surgical anatomy with retractor and mobilized organs
2. posterior spleen position
3. anterior spleen
4. spleen resection (mobilized spleen)
5. ligated short gastric vessels
6. greater gastric curvature
7. spleen
8. splenic vessels
9. tail of pancreas
10. tumor
11. resected spleen specimen with ligated vessels and tumors
1. spleen attached near tail of pancreas
Gastrointestinal (GI) System

- To be added
1. kidney
2. ureter
3. bladder
4. location of urethra (not shown)
Kidney

1. disease process
2. renal pelvis
3. renal vein
4. ureter
5. cordex
6. medulla
Kidney
organ conditions

1. stone calyx
2. dilated bladder with diverticulae and stones
3. hydronephrosis
1. renal cell carcinoma
Rare renal tumors
1. clear cell sarcoma (CCSK)
2. congenital mesoblastic nephroma (CMNK)
1. Wilms tumors
Kidney

Renal cell carcinoma, clear cell type. Note that morphology is clear at various magnifications.
1. 0.8X
2. 5X
3. 20X
4. 40X
More likely to support procurement:
• nephrectomy - surgical removal of one or both (bilateral) of the kidneys.

Less likely to support procurement:
• none
Nephrectomy
1. renal cell carcinoma tumor at top of right kidney (superior renal pole)
2. initial incision line for radical nephrectomy
3. right kidney
4. tumor
5. ascending colon
6. tumor (upper pole)
7. tied off renal vessels
8. tied off ureter
9. resected renal specimen
10. tumor (superior pole)
11. renal pelvis
12. mid pole
13. inferior pole
14. tied off ureter
Kidney

1. excised kidney
2. inked kidney
3. bisected kidney

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Anatomy

1. middle umbilical ligament
2. detrusor muscle
3. ureteral openings
4. center of trigone
5. neck
6. internal urethral sphincter
7. prostate (present only in males)
8. external urethral sphincter
9. urethra
Bladder

1. transitional cell infiltrating papillomas
2. infiltrating transitional cell carcinoma
3. large villous tumor
Bladder

1. large malignant infiltrating tumor

Tumor
Bladder

More likely to support procurement:
• cystectomy - a surgical operation to remove the urinary bladder.

Less likely to support procurement:
• none
Bladder

To be added
Urinary

- To be added
Anatomy

1. skull
2. upper extremity
3. lower extremity
4. spine
5. pelvis
6. femur
Bone

1. locations of Ewing’s sarcoma development
2. Ewing’s sarcoma
Bone

1. locations of osteosarcoma development
2. osteosarcoma (in situ)
3. extracted osteosarcoma tumor
1. locations of multiple myeloma development
2. multiple myeloma (knee)
3. multiple myeloma (spine)
Bone

More likely to support procurement:

- amputation
- BKA (below knee amputation)
- AKA (above knee amputation)
- autopsy
- bone marrow aspiration/biopsy

Less likely to support procurement:

- none
Bone

To be added
Bone

- To be added
Muscle

1. upper extremity
2. lower extremity
3. upper leg musculature
Tumors

1. locations of rhabdomyosarcoma development
2. rhabdomyosarcoma (in situ)
More likely to support procurement:
• amputation - surgically cutting off a limb.

Less likely to support procurement:
• none
To be added
• To be added
Anatomy
1. keratin layer
2. keratinocytes in epidermis
3. basal cell layer
4. dermis
1. basal cell carcinoma
2. cross section tumor in upper dermis
1. squamous cell carcinoma
2. cross section of invasion upper dermis
1. malignant melanoma
2. cross section of upward and downward invasion of upper dermis
More likely to support procurement:

- brachioplasty (arm lift) - surgery that removes excess skin and fat from the undersurface of the upper arm.
- basal cell carcinoma excision – surgery that removes the tumor with a margin that is examined.

Less likely to support procurement:

- none
Basal cell carcinoma excision

1. tumor in situ
2. resection leaving margins
3. skin basal cell carcinoma specimen
1. extracted squamous cell carcinoma lesion
2. extracted squamous cell carcinoma lesion with first cut made and starting second cut
3. starting third cut
4. after removing section
5. section being measured
Skin

• To be added
Anatomy

Breast

1. fat
2. nipple
3. areola
4. muscle
5. ducts
6. lobules
1. advanced carcinoma of breast, lobular type
Advanced carcinoma of breast, lobular type
1. 1.5X
2. 5X
3. 20X
4. 40X
Breast

1. ductal carcinoma
Breast

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Ductal carcinoma
1. 1.4X
2. 5X
3. 20X
4. 40X
1. Leiomyosarcoma
Breast

Angiosarcoma
1. 0.7X
2. 5X
3. 20X
4. 40X
Breast

More likely to support procurement:
• breast excision
• breast reduction
• resection (with lymph node)
• mastectomy - a surgical operation to remove a breast.
• mastectomy – DCIS (ductal carcinoma in situ)

Less likely to support procurement:
• none
Procedure

Breast

Resection (with lymph node)
1. total mastectomy incision plan
2. axillary vein
3. right brachiocephalic vein
4. breast tumor
5. breast tissue
6. lymph node to be sectioned
7. resected breast to be sectioned
Mastectomy
1. reflexed pectoral major
2. reflexed pectoral minor
3. resected breast
4. axillary artery
5. axillary vein
6. important lymph nodes
7. breast tumor
8. pector
9. breast fat
1. Weigh specimen and use the axillary tail and skin to orient the specimen.

2. Ink…

3. Measure and record the dimensions of the breast.
Breast

1. breast specimen inking
2. breast specimen sectioning
3. section
1. Serially section the posterior side of the breast at 2 cm intervals with a long blade.

2. Section perpendicular to skin ellipse, do not cut through the skin.
Breast

1. to be added
2. to be added
3. to be added
4. to be added
Breast

1. remove
2. measure
1. Serially section the posterior side of the breast at 2 cm intervals with a long blade.
2. Section perpendicular to skin ellipse, do not cut through the skin.
Breast

1. lumpectomy sample
2. inked specimen
• To be added
Female Reproductive Anatomy

1. fallopian tube
2. ovary
3. uterus
4. cervix
5. bladder
6. vagina
7. rectum
Female Reproductive Anatomy

1. fallopian tube
2. ovary
3. uterus
4. endometrium
5. myometrium
6. cervix
7. vagina
Female Reproductive Anatomy

1. uterus
2. cervix
3. vagina
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Inguinal, superficial and deep lymph nodes

Lymph node anatomy in other sections
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Anatomy

1. stroma
2. follicle
3. corpus albicans
4. corpus luteum
1. serous cystadenocarcinomas
2. mucinous cystadenocarcinomas
Ovary

More likely to support procurement:
- **oophorectomy** - surgical removal of one or both ovaries; ovariectomy.
- bilateral salpingo-oophorectomy - surgery to remove both ovaries and both fallopian tubes.
- **radical hysterectomy** - surgery to remove the uterus, cervix, and part of the vagina. The ovaries, fallopian tubes, and nearby lymph nodes may also be removed.

Less likely to support procurement:
- none
**Oopherectomy** (for “early stage” primary tumor)
1. ovarian tumor
2. resected “early stage” ovary tumor
Radical hysterectomy

1. uterus
2. incisions
3. uterine tumor
4. uterine tube
5. ovary
6. incision at cervix
7. rectum
8. resected specimen: uterus, cervix, and part of the vagina. The ovaries, fallopian tubes, and nearby lymph nodes are shown as removed here but are not always resected.
Cervix & Vagina

1. fallopian tube
2. ovary
3. uterus
4. cervix
5. bladder
6. rectum
7. vagina
Cervix & Vagina

1. cervical carcinoma tumors, stage 1
2. cervical carcinoma tumors, stage 2
3. cervical carcinoma tumors, stage 3
4. cervical carcinoma tumors, stage 4
More likely to support procurement:

- **conization** - cone-shaped piece of tissue is removed from the cervix using a surgical or laser knife (cold knife cone biopsy) or using a thin wire heated by electricity (the loop electrosurgical, LEEP or LEETZ procedure).

- **loop electrosurgical excision procedure (LEEP)** - a small electrical wire loop is used to remove abnormal cells from your cervix.

- **hysterectomy** - surgery to remove the uterus and, sometimes, the cervix. When the uterus and the cervix are removed, it is called a total hysterectomy. When only the uterus is removed, it is called a partial hysterectomy.

- **radical hysterectomy** - surgery to remove the uterus, cervix, and part of the vagina. The ovaries, fallopian tubes, and nearby lymph nodes may also be removed.

- **trachelectomy** - surgical removal of the uterine cervix.

- **radical trachelectomy** - surgical removal of the uterine cervix, the upper part of the vagina and surrounding supporting tissues. As part of the surgery, lymph nodes in the pelvis are often removed to check whether cancer has spread beyond the cervix. A radical trachelectomy is also called a radical cervicectomy.

- **pelvic exenteration (pelvic evisceration)** - radical surgical treatment that removes all organs from a person’s pelvic cavity including urinary bladder, urethra, rectum, and anus.

- **vaginectomy** - surgery to remove all or part of the vagina.

Less likely to support procurement:

- **cryosurgery** - surgery using the local application of intense cold to destroy unwanted tissue.

- **laser surgery (or laser ablation)** - using a focused laser beam to create heat to remove abnormal cells.

- **labiaplasty** - plastic surgery on the labia that can be performed alone or with vaginoplasty.

- **vaginoplasty** - procedure to tighten a vagina that’s become slack or loose.
Radical hysterectomy
1. uterus
2. incisions
3. uterine tumor
4. uterine tube
5. ovary
6. incision at cervix
7. rectum
8. resected specimen: uterus, cervix, and part of the vagina. The ovaries, fallopian tubes, and nearby lymph nodes are shown as removed here but are not always resected.
To be added
1. fallopian tube
2. ovary
3. uterus
4. cervix
5. bladder
6. rectum
7. vagina
1. early stage adenocarcinoma
2. late stage adenocarcinoma
Uterus

1. adenocarcinoma; early, stage
2. adenocarcinoma; mid stage
3. adenocarcinoma; late stage with infiltrative adenocarcinoma
More likely to support procurement:

• myomectomy - surgical procedure to remove fibroids from the wall of the uterus.
• hysterectomy - surgery to remove the uterus and, sometimes, the cervix. When the uterus and the cervix are removed, it is called a total hysterectomy. When only the uterus is removed, it is called a partial hysterectomy.
• radical hysterectomy - surgery to remove the uterus, cervix, and part of the vagina. The ovaries, fallopian tubes, and nearby lymph nodes may also be removed.

Less likely to support procurement:

• none
Radical hysterectomy

1. uterus
2. incisions
3. uterine tumor
4. uterine tube
5. ovary
6. incision at cervix
7. rectum
8. resected specimen: uterus, cervix, and part of the vagina. The ovaries, fallopian tubes, and nearby lymph nodes are shown as removed here but are not always resected.
1. uterus before inking
2. inking uterus posterior
3. placing scissors in cervical os to cut along lateral aspect
4. completing lateral cut
5. opening cervical os
1. fallopian tube
2. ovary
3. uterus
4. cervix
5. bladder
6. rectum
7. vagina
1. rare primary epithelial ovarian carcinoma (OC)
Fallopian Tube

More likely to support procurement:

- **radical hysterectomy** - surgery to remove the uterus, cervix, and part of the vagina. The ovaries, fallopian tubes, and nearby lymph nodes may also be removed.
- salpingectomy - surgical removal of the fallopian tubes.
- bilateral salpingo-oophorectomy - surgery to remove both ovaries and both fallopian tubes.

Less likely to support procurement:

- salpingostomy - surgical unblocking of a blocked fallopian tube.
Radical hysterectomy
1. uterus
2. incisions
3. uterine tumor
4. uterine tube
5. ovary
6. incision at cervix
7. rectum
8. resected specimen: uterus, cervix, and part of the vagina. The ovaries, fallopian tubes, and nearby lymph nodes are shown as removed here but are not always resected.
To be added
Female Reproductive

To be added
Male Reproductive

Anatomy

1. bladder
2. rectum
3. seminal vesicle
4. prostate
5. urethra
6. erectile tissue
7. vas deferens
8. epididymis
9. glans penis
10. testis
Penis & Testis

1. epididymis
2. tunica vaginalis
3. testis
4. testicular artery
5. head of epididymis
6. efferent ductules
7. ductus deferens
8. septa testis
9. seminiferous tubules
10. tunica vaginalis
11. tail of epididymis
Penis & Testis

1. seminoma – 35%
2. early carcinoma – 20%
More likely to support procurement:

- circumcision - surgery that removes the foreskin (the loose tissue) covering the glans of the penis.
- total/partial penectomy – surgical amputation of all or part of the penis
- radical inguinal orchiectomy – surgical removal of one or both testicles. If radical, the majority of the spermatic cord will also be removed.
- orchiopexy (orchidopexy) - surgery to move an undescended testicle into the scrotum and permanently fix it there (also used for testicular torsion repair).
- retroperitoneal lymph node dissection - surgical procedure to remove abdominal lymph nodes.
- glansectomy – surgery to completely or partially remove the glans penis.
- **orchiectomy** – surgery to remove a testis

Less likely to support procurement:

- none
Penis & Testis

Orchectomy
1. scrotal incision
2. spermatic cord
3. tumor of testis
4. specimen
To be added
Anatomy

1. vas deferens (surface view)
2. vas deferens (cutaway view)
3. seminal vesicle (surface view)
4. seminal vesicle (cutaway view)
5. base of prostate
6. prostatic urethra
7. apex of prostate
Prostate Tumors

1. prostatic hyperplasia
2. nodular replacement BPH
3. prostatic carcinoma, in situ only
4. prostatic carcinoma, metastasis into bladder
5. prostatic hyperplasia
Prostate

More likely to support procurement:

- transurethral resection of the prostate (TURP) - surgery to remove tissue from the prostate using an instrument inserted through the urethra.
- simple prostatectomy - a surgical operation to remove all or part of the prostate gland.
- holmium laser enucleation of the prostate (HoLEP) - laser is used to cut and remove the excess tissue that is blocking the urethra. Another instrument is then used to cut the prostate tissue into small pieces that are easily removed.

Less likely to support procurement:

- transurethral incision of the prostate (TUIP) - surgical procedure (small cuts in the prostate gland) for treating prostate gland enlargement.
- transurethral vaporization of the prostate (TVP) - uses a roller ball to heat the prostate tissue so that it is reduced to vapor.
- photoselective vaporization of the prostate (PVP) - laser is used to vaporize excess prostate tissue and enlarge the urinary channel.
- holmium laser ablation of the prostate (HoLAP) - holmium laser is used to vaporize excess prostate tissue and enlarge the urinary channel.
1. uninked malignant prostate (cm scale)
2. inking left anterior malignant prostate (black) after inking right anterior (blue) and posterior (yellow)
3. seminal vesicle end of inked malignant prostate (cm scale)
4. thinly sectioning prostate
Male Reproductive

To be added
Lymphatic System

Anatomy

Anterior regional lymph nodes

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Anatomy

Anterior heart lymph nodes

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Lymphatic System

More likely to support procurement:
- lymph node biopsy - a piece of a lymph node is removed for examination under a microscope.
- sentinel lymph node biopsy - removal of the sentinel node (the first lymph node to which cancer cells are likely to spread from a primary tumor) for examination.
- lymphadenectomy (lymph node dissection) - surgical removal of one or more groups of lymph nodes.
- inguinal lymphadenectomy - surgery to remove the lymph nodes from the groin.
- radical hysterectomy - surgery to remove the uterus, cervix, and part of the vagina. The ovaries, fallopian tubes, and nearby lymph nodes may also be removed.

Less likely to support procurement:
- none
Lymphatic System

To be added


