

<p>Name of Policy: <u>Tissue or hardware removed during surgery</u></p> <p>Policy Number: 3364-87-29</p> <p>Approving Officer: Chief of Staff</p> <p>Responsible Agent: Chief Medical Officer</p> <p>Scope: All University of Toledo Campuses</p>	 <p>Effective date: 09/01/2023</p> <p>Initial effective date: 11/14/01</p>				
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(A) Policy statement

It is the policy of the University of Toledo Medical Center that all tissues or hardware removed during surgery shall be submitted to the Department of Pathology. Some exceptions apply, as outlined below.

(B) Purpose of policy

To ensure appropriate submission of tissue or hardware removed during surgery.

(C) Procedure

- (1) Upon submission of tissues or hardware removed during surgery, the pathologist shall make examinations as he considers necessary to arrive at a satisfactory diagnosis, and his report shall then be included in the patient record.
- (2) The following specimens do not need to be submitted, however the specimen may be sent according to the physician's or dentist's clinical judgment:
 - (a) Non-diagnostic materials in which Pathology evaluation will not further influence patient care (e.g.):
 - (i) Cataracts
 - (ii) Orthopedic appliances
 - (iii) Foreign bodies
 - (iv) Technically removed tissue (e.g., rib for exposure)
 - (v) Ureteral stents
 - (vi) Not-infected cardiac valves following routine placement
 - (vii) Joint loose bodies
 - (b) Radioactive therapeutic devices (for Radiation Safety)

