

## Packaging Fixed and Fresh Tissue Samples

**Step 1: Fixed Tissue:** Tightly close and seal formalin container with tissue inside, then wrap with Parafilm. Cover the entire lid edge and top portion of the container to prevent leaks.



**Step 2: Fixed Tissue:** Wrap Parafilm-sealed formalin container in absorbent material. Use enough material to absorb the entire contents of the primary container.



**Step 3: Fixed Tissue:** Placed wrapped formalin container into a whirlPak, roll the edge of the whirlPak down tightly, and fold tabs to close.



**Step 4: Fresh Tissue:** Remove excess air from the whirlpak or Ziploc bag. Roll the whirlpak down or close the Ziploc bag. Check bag for any leaks or tears.



**Step 5: Fresh Tissue:** Place the whirlpak or Ziploc bag inside another bag as a secondary container to prevent leaking. Wrap specimens in absorbent material.



**Step 6:** Paperwork should be stored in the back of the bag if a pocket is present, or in another bag. Paperwork should not be stored with the formalin or fresh container inside the bag.



**Step 7:** In the shipping cooler, add a layer of absorbent material in case of leaks. Wrap the ice pack in shipping material.



**Step 8:** Wrap the sample in packing material and place it on top of the wrapped ice pack. Place the submission form on top of packing material.

