

# Infectious Diseases Pathology Branch (IDPB) General Guidelines for Specimen Submission

## Requirements for submitting diagnostic specimens/cases to IDPB:

- A. U.S. health care professionals – first consult with your state health department regarding any sample submissions.**
- B. Send an email to [Pathology@cdc.gov](mailto:Pathology@cdc.gov) with:**
- 1) A brief clinical history
  - 2) A copy of the surgical pathology report or autopsy report (prelim reports are acceptable)
  - 3) A listing of available formalin-fixed specimen types (wet tissue, paraffin blocks, and/or slides)
  - 4) Relevant clinical, gross pathology, or microscopic pathology digital images, as available
- C. After you receive approval by email to submit the case to IDPB:**
- 1) Electronically fill, save, and print both pages of the [Specimen Submission Form CDC 50.34](#).
    - a) The form must be filled electronically to generate 3 barcodes required for accessioning
    - b) E-mail addresses of the Original and Intermediate submitters (if any) are mandatory fields
  - 2) Select Test Order Code CDC-10365 (Pathologic Evaluation of Tissues for Possible Infectious Etiologies)
  - 3) Click on links below for specific syndrome based tissue collection instructions:  
[Pathologic Evaluation of CNS Infections](#)  
[Pathologic Evaluation of Influenza Virus Infections](#)  
[Pathologic Evaluation of Myocarditis](#)  
[Pathologic Evaluation of Suspect Pneumonia Infections](#)  
[Pathologic Evaluation of Rash- and Eschar-Associated Illness](#)  
[Pathologic Evaluation of Hepatitis](#)  
[Pathologic Evaluation of Sudden Unexplained Infant Death with Pathologic or Clinical Suspicion of Infection](#)  
[Pathologic Evaluation of Unexplained Illness Due to Possible Infectious Etiology](#)  
[Pathologic Evaluation of Suspect Mycobacterium Cases](#)
- D. Mailing/Contact Info:**
- 1) Ship to Dr. Sherif Zaki, CDC, IDPB, 1600 Clifton Rd NE, MS: H18-SB, Atlanta, GA 30329-4027
  - 2) Mail in suitable packaging for delivery Monday-Friday, excluding Federal holidays
  - 3) Send tracking number to [Pathology@cdc.gov](mailto:Pathology@cdc.gov)
  - 4) Tel: 404-639-3132, Fax: 404-639-3043, Email: [Pathology@cdc.gov](mailto:Pathology@cdc.gov)