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 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
   4) Tel: 404-639-3132, Fax: 404-639-3043, Email: Pathology@cdc.gov

Accessible version available at: https://www.cdc.gov/ncezid/dhcpp/idpb/specimen-submission/index.html