

These guidelines are provided to assist hospital staff in the collection of high quality biopsy specimens for testing.

Specimen collection

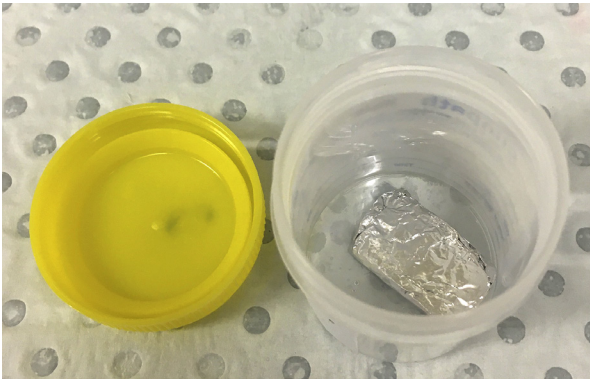
- The harvested biopsy of small intestine should be approximately 4mg (3-4 bites).
- Wrap the specimen tightly in aluminium foil or cling film to prevent it drying out.



DO NOT place the biopsy sample on cardboard, filter paper, gauze or tape.
DO NOT add saline, water or formalin to the sample.

Preparing the specimen for transport

1. Place the tightly wrapped sample in a sterile container e.g. 70mL urine container.



2. Label the container with:

- patient's name
- date of birth
- UR

3. Immediately place the container in a biohazard bag and place on ice for transport to the laboratory.



DO NOT place the foil wrapped sample directly on the ice.

4. Label the outside of this larger container with patient's details and mark as a **Disacc sample**.

