# Clinical Surgical Pathology - Gross Room Policy

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## Routine Gross Examination

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Describe briefly the most recent revision made to this policy, procedure or protocol & why:

New Procedure

**Purpose/Policy Statement:**

**Definitions:**
- n/a

## POLICY CONTENT

**POLICY:** The ordering physician, using a pathology requisition, requests surgical pathology examinations. Information required on the requisition includes:

- Patient's full name.
- Patient unique identifying information (Medical Record Number, Date Of Birth, Social Security Number).
- Specific tissue identification.
- Preoperative diagnosis.
- Postoperative diagnosis.
- Physician's full name.
- Patient billing information.

Specimens received in the Department of Pathology will routinely require gross examination, dissection, and histological preparation of tissue representations for microscopic interpretation. Certain samples received in Pathology may only receive gross examination. The following samples are exempt from pathologic processing unless otherwise indicated by the requesting physician or appear grossly abnormal.

Additionally, in agreement with Salem Hospital medical staff, certain samples removed at Salem Hospital are not required to be sent to the Department of Pathology for examination. See Surgical Services Policy # 04.11, *Disposition Of Specimens For Pathology*.

**SPECIMEN:**

Routinely, **gross examination only** will be performed on the following samples:

1. Orthopedic appliance
2. Bullet
3. Foreign body
4. Tooth
5. Ocular lens
6. Tonsil and adenoid from patient under 16 years of age
7. Bunion
8. Meniscus shavings
9. Hammer toe
10. Nasal cartilage or bone
11. Skin from blepharoplasty
12. Surgical scar excision
13. Liposuction material
14. Varicose vein

**Equipment/Supplies (If Applicable):**
- Disposable gloves
- Laboratory Coat
- Eye protection
- Surgical mask or face shield
- Ventilation hood with HEPA filter cartridge

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Medical Director, Operation Manager, Histology Supervisor, Pathologist Assistant, Safety Officer

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