



Logistics of
Neuropathology Examinations

1. Contact must first be made with Dr. Haddix (thaddix@facrimelab.com) to discuss the nature of the case and to obtain all appropriate information for the purpose of a conflict check.
2. Unless a prior contractual arrangement is in place, a work authorization specifying the scope of work and the cost will be generated. There is currently a set flat rate of \$1375 being charged for the examination. This rate does not include charges associated with shipping and slide preparation (done by an outside histology laboratory). These charges will be passed along in our final invoice as an expense without mark-up.
3. The brains should fix in formalin for a minimum of two weeks before shipping via FedEx or another overnight carrier. The brains (and spinal cord and dura) should be shipped so as to prevent damage during shipping. Please do not send the specimens in a full container of formalin. I would recommend wrapping the specimens in formalin soaked towels and then placing them in a sealed plastic bag (or two) and then placing that bag(s) in a padded container (i.e. the original container used for fixation with padding material about the bags containing the brain). This container should then be placed in an appropriately padded shipping box. Shipping should occur early in the week to avoid arrival on a weekend or holiday when the lab is not open. Our shipping address is:

Forensic Analytical Sciences
3777 Depot Road, Suite 403
Hayward, CA 94545

510-266-8100

Please be sure to include some kind of documentation with the specimens – preferably a chain of custody form.

4. I will replenish the formalin on arrival and schedule the cutting within a short period of time thereafter based upon my schedule. The tissue sections will be processed locally in Hayward. I will review the slides and discuss with the referring pathologist if any additional special stains are necessary. The histology laboratory charges \$20 per slide for each special stain (i.e. iron stain) and \$60 per slide for any immunoperoxidase stain; the charges for these additional stains are in addition to the flat rate quoted above.
5. I will generate a report and return it, the paraffin blocks and the slides to the referring pathologist along with the residua of the specimens. Additionally printed and electronic

copies of any photographs taken during the gross and microscopic examination will also be provided to the referring pathologist. We will send our chain of custody form with the returned materials and ask that it be signed and returned to us.

Any and all questions regarding the neuropathology examinations should be directed to Dr. Haddix. Should subsequent testimony be required, a separate contractual arrangement will be made with the requesting party and will not (in most cases) be the responsibility of the agency with which the referring pathologist is affiliated.