



Do not submit Nasal Septoplasty tissue to Pathology

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Tissue removed at nasal septoplasty from patients for obstruction is exempt from routine submission to pathology by provincial legislation in Manitoba ([The Hospitals Act](#)).

Pathology examination of these tissues is an inefficient use of resources, generating unnecessary cost for the laboratory and providing no clinically relevant information.

***If there are clinical indications for a pathology examination:**

When there is reason to suspect the presence of disease on clinical grounds, specimens should be sent to pathology with a specific written request for a pathology examination and pertinent clinical information clearly documented on the requisition.

Routine nasal septa when removed for obstruction for which there is no clinical reason to request a pathology examination should be disposed of in the operating room. These specimens should not be submitted to the pathology department.

References/Resources:

[Exploring the clinical value and implications of routine pathological examination of septoplasty specimens](#)

[Pathological Review of Turbinate Tissue from Functional Nasal Surgery](#)
[Value-Based Analysis of Septoplasty and Turbinate Specimens](#)

More information:

[The Hospitals Act](#)

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