This kit contains solutions required to submit tissues for light microscopy, immunofluorescence, and electron microscopy. These instructions are intended for laboratories comfortable dissecting cores in the manner below. Please see our simplified renal biopsy collection instructions if you are not comfortable performing this procedure.

**MEDIA/CONTAINERS FOR LIGHT, IMMUNOFLUORESCENCE, AND ELECTRON MICROSCOPY**

- **Light microscopy (LM):** Green-capped vial with 10% neutral buffered formalin*
- **Immunofluorescence (IF):** Blue-capped vial with Michel's Transport Solution
- **Electron microscopy (EM):** White-capped vial with Karnovsky's Fixative**

* **CAUTION: CONTAINS FORMALDEHYDE.** Toxic by inhalation and if swallowed. Irritating to the eyes, respiratory system, and skin. May cause sensitization by inhalation or by skin contact. Risk of serious damage to eyes. May cause cancer; repeated or prolonged exposure increases the risk.

** **CAUTION: CONTAINS CACODYLATE BUFFER.** Potential carcinogen; repeated or prolonged exposure increases the risk.

**COLLECTION INSTRUCTIONS:** Always wear appropriate PPE, including gloves. Using a sharp scalpel, divide the cores according to the following diagram.

![Core sectioning schematic](image)

**RECAPPING AND MIXING.** Carefully recap each vial to ensure a tight seal. It is essential that the caps not be exchanged in order to avoid cross-contaminating the solutions. Gently invert the vial several times to ensure appropriate exposure of the tissue to the solution.

**LABELING:** Clearly label each vial with the: 1) patient’s name, 2) date of birth, 3) time and date the sample was collected, and 4) the initials of the person preparing the sample. *The specimen cannot be accepted without this information.*

**SHIPPING:** Please carefully follow these three instructions: 1) place the vials inside the plastic specimen bag and seal the bag, 2) fold the requisition form and place with the inside the shipping kit together with the specimen bag and seal the kit, and 3) return the kit using the pre-paid FedEx label and packaging provided with the kit.

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