

Tissue Source Site (TSS) Shipment Checklist

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Prior to Shipment or Biospecimen Transfer Training Session (BTTS)	Ø	
Select between 6-30 cases from patients with no prior systemic therapy or radiation to the TCGA tumor site		
Ensure solid tissues (tumor and/or normal tissue) are at least 30-100mg* (preferably 100mg, NOT including OCT)		
Ensure cases have blood-derived normal (2mls of whole blood, buffy coat, or 15ug DNA) or 15ug DNA from saliva		
Prepare frozen top-slides for solid tissues being submitted, H&E stain, and prepare digital images, if applicable.		
Pathology pre-screen using "TCGA TSS Path Review" as reference document		
Complete Case Quality Control Forms (CQCFs) within OpenClinica (OC) and Other Malignancy Form (OMF), if applicable.		
Ensure pathology report date of cancer sample procurement remains on path report and matches CQCF data		
Have PI QC and sign CQCFs and OMFs (if applicable)		
Upload complete, de-identified diagnostic pathology reports to OC or submit to your Lead Clinical Outreach Coordinator (LCOC)		
Notify your LCOC once at least 6 cases have been entered and signed in OC		
Complete one shipping manifest per cancer type electronically and e-mail to your LCOC prior to shipment date		
NOTE: ALL SAMPLES/MATERIAL COMING TO THE BCR SHOULD BE FREE OF ANY PATIENT IDENTIFIERS.		
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Have PI or designee sign shipping manifest	
Record arrival and departure temperature of cryoport on cryoport temperature log	
Load tumor and normal samples into cryoport	
Package shipping manifest and temperature log into lid of cryoport	
Secure cryoport lid and cryoshipper using zip ties according to reference pictures	
Place FedEx label on cryoshipper using supplied zip ties	
Place "exempt human specimen" sticker on outside of cryoshipper ²	
Package slides/images, and shipping manifest safely into a box separate from the cryoport	
Place FedEx label on slide box	

^{*}The BCR will accept as little as 30mg, but keep in mind the cases may not pass through the BCR pipeline or may not be chosen for downstream analysis such as proteomics studies or whole genome amplification.

¹Cryoport – the metal container used to hold the specimens being shipped

²Cryoshipper – the plastic shell surrounding the cryoport