

## Services Offered

The Eye Pathology Laboratory is available to process and/or interpret the following types of ophthalmic specimens:

- ❖ Autopsy eyes for forensic examinations (especially cases of suspected child abuse)
- ❖ Ciliary body resections (also known as iridocyclectomy specimens)
- ❖ Conjunctival biopsies
- ❖ Corneal biopsies (small diagnostic resections of corneal tissue)
- ❖ Corneal buttons
- ❖ Corneal epithelial scrapings (most commonly used to rapidly identify Acanthamoeba)
- ❖ Cytology (anterior chamber paracentesis, vitrectomy, corneal scrapings)
- ❖ Enucleation (whole eyes)
- ❖ Eviscerations (internal contents of eyes)
- ❖ Exenterations (eyes, orbital contents)
- ❖ Eyelid biopsies
- ❖ Foreign body analysis
- ❖ Lens (from cataract surgery)
- ❖ Intraocular lenses
- ❖ Iris biopsies
- ❖ Lacrimal system (gland or sac)
- ❖ Muscle (extraocular muscle biopsies)
- ❖ Optic nerve
- ❖ Optic nerve meninges
- ❖ Orbital tissue
- ❖ Temporal artery
- ❖ Trabeculectomy specimens
- ❖ Slide consultations
- ❖ A completed Ocular Pathology Consultation Request form should be submitted with specimens.
  - Blank forms can be printed from our website
- ❖ Once a specimen or slide consultation reaches our laboratory, you will be informed by FAX that the laboratory has received the specimen or slides on your patient.
  - If you **do not** have access to a FAX machine we will notify you by phone or by mail, **only** if the case will be delayed due to special studies necessary for diagnosis.
- ❖ We strive for a 48 hour turnaround time for most ophthalmic specimens (ie: trabeculectomy, corneal biopsy, corneal epithelial scrapings, corneal button, eyelid biopsies, etc.), **UNLESS** special studies are necessary for diagnosis.
  - Turnaround time for enucleation specimens is within 5 working days after the receipt of the material.
  - Turnaround time for exenterations is within 8-9 working days after the receipt of the material.