



**PROGRESSIVE PATHOLOGY**  
*A more progressive approach to pathology.*

## **SPECIMEN SUBMISSION GUIDELINES**

To promote diagnostic accuracy, Pathology Associates of Boone uses the following guidelines for specimen submission:

### Pathology specimens

Place fresh specimens in an approved plastic container filled with formalin. The specimen must be labeled with the patient's name. A pathology request form must accompany the specimen, including necessary clinical data and notes, plus complete insurance information (you may also staple a patient data sheet to the requisition).

### Cytology specimens (Non-GYN)

Place fresh material in the 30ml cytolyte container we provide. The specimen must be labeled with the patient's name. A pathology request form must accompany the specimen, including necessary clinical data and notes, plus complete insurance information (you may also staple a patient data sheet to the requisition). Urine must be sent fresh and noted as either void or catheter, plus where it's from (we recommend 30 ml).

### Cytology specimens (GYN)

Label slides with the patient's name and origin of site. Smear the slide with the specimen and spray it immediately with the fixative we provide. After the slide dries, close the folder and send it to us with the pathology request form (this includes necessary clinical data and notes, plus complete insurance information).

When doing a ThinPrep Pap, rinse sample in the ThinPrep vial we provide. Label the specimen with the patient name and complete the pathology request form with detail noted above.