**GENERAL SPECIMEN TRANSPORT GUIDELINES**

| SPECIMEN TYPE        | DEPARTMENT             | FLOOR/HOSPITAL / ROOM NUMBER | Hours of Operation       | Color  
|----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|--------
| FROZEN TISSUE        | Surgical Pathology     | 2nd Floor/ School of Medicine (N208) | 8a-5p (M-F) After Hours—see note | Blue   
| FRESH TISSUE         | Surgical Pathology     | 2nd Floor/ School of Medicine (N208) | 8a – 4:30 p (M-F) After Hours—see note | Blue   
| BIOPSY/ PERMANENT    | Surgical Pathology     | 2nd Floor/ School of Medicine (N208) | 8a – 4:30 p (M-F)        | Blue   
| Body Fluid/FNA       | Cytopathology/ Cytology| Basement/School of Medicine (N018) refrigerator | 24 hours - for Specimen drop off -place specimen in refrigerator and sign log | Blue   
| Blood Bank (Pink Top)| Blood Bank             | 1st Floor/University Hospital (S101-02) | 24 hours                 | Red    
|                      |                        |                             |                          |        
| ALL OTHERS (ADULT)   | Clinical Lab           | 1st University Hospital (S101-02) | 24 hours                 | Orange 
| ALL OTHERS (BATSON/PEDIATRIC) | Batson Children’s Hospital Lab | Basement/ Batson Children’s Hospital Lab (C054) | 24 hours                 | Orange 

****If more than one colored sticker is on the specimen, this indicates a **SHARED** specimen—send to the Clinical Lab.

**NOTE:** Specimens collected at Batson Children’s Hospital that can be transported through the tube system are sent to Batson Children’s Hospital Laboratory for testing and/or routing to University Hospital Clinical Pathology Laboratory. See list below of specimens **NOT** approved for transport in the tube system:

- 24 hour urine
- Blood Cultures (glass bottles)
- Stool specimens
- Surgical specimens
- Glass (includes anaerobic glass cultures)
- Urine screw top collection containers
- Precious specimens: Spinal Fluid (any irreplaceable specimen or fluid); difficult to collect specimens; specimens collected at a specific hour

**CONTACT NUMBERS:**

CLINICAL LAB: 5-9777 (Collections); 4-2358 (Microbiology); 4-2368 (Chemistry); 4-2370 (Hematology)

BATSON LAB: 4-5230

SURGICAL PATHOLOGY: 4-1534

BLOOD BANK: 4-2392

**Note:**

Surgical Pathology After Hours:

- Surgical Pathology: If Fresh or Frozen, notify Pathology Resident on-call (UMMC Intranet—type “Contact U” in Search Field)