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FoundationOne®CDx Specimen Guideline

Below are Specimen Guidelines to help ensure successful genomic profiling.

Selecting the best specimen from multiple options

Has the patient been treated with targeted therapy?

Ye	es	MUST use post-targeted therapy specimen, if available.
No	D	Use recurrence or original resection (most recent material preferred). Metastasis biopsy or primary tumor acceptable (choose site with highest percent tumor or largest tumor focus).

Acceptable Samples

- FFPE specimens, including core needle biopsies, fine-needle aspirates and effusion cytologies.
- Das Tissue should be formalin-fixed, paraffin embedded. Use standard fixation methods to preserve nucleic acid integrity. 10% neutral-buffered formalin for 6-72 hours is industry standard. DO NOT use other fixatives (Bouins, B5, AZF, Holland's).
- Do not decal. When decalcification is required, EDTA is recommended. Do not use strong acids (e.g. hydrochloric acid, sulfuric acid, picric acid).







