Hematopathology Grossing Guidelines

**Specimen Type:** SPLENECTOMY

**Procedure:**

1. Weigh and measure in 3 dimensions
2. Describe capsule (color, thickness, adhesions, lacerations, etc)
   a. Take photograph of all traumatic injuries
3. Describe cut surface and any lesions
4. Describe hilum (vessels, accessory spleen, lymph nodes)

**Gross Template:**
Labeled with the patient’s name (***) , medical record number (**), designated “***”, and received [fresh/in formalin] is a(n) ***gram, *** x *** x *** cm [intact/disrupted/fragmented] splenectomy. The capsule is [intact/ruptured/roughened/nodular]. The specimen is serially sectioned to reveal [describe cut surfaces – congested, hemorrhage, white pulp/red pulp]. The hilar adipose tissue is dissected through for lymph nodes. [Describe number/size of lymph nodes identified]. Representative sections are submitted in [describe cassette submission].

**Cassette Submission:** 2-5 cassettes

- Hilar vessels/lymph nodes
- Capsule (including lesions/lacerations)
- Tumor, if present (1 section per cm)
  o Include relation to capsule and normal spleen
- Unremarkable parenchyma