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**SPECIMEN RELEASE FORM**

H-9670 10/15;11/22;5/24 (d:\forms\hosp\ofm)

Re: Release of specimen (description): \_\_\_\_\_

Bassett Pathology Department will hold the specimen for two weeks after the report is finalized. After that time, the specimen will be discarded per the laboratory protocol, unless a specimen release form is signed and submitted.

This form acknowledges the receipt of specimen \_\_\_\_\_, which I have indicated to the Pathology Department that I would like to have for

☐ religious ☐ cultural or ☐ burial purposes.

I understand that surgical specimens are the property of Bassett Healthcare Network and that Pathology has released this tissue specimen to me at their discretion. By signing this form I understand that I undertake all responsibility for handling the tissue. Bassett Healthcare Network cannot be held liable for any reason once the tissue specimen is under my control.

I understand that the specimen may have been in 10% formalin, which has the following caution:

**FORMALDEHYDE:** Toxic by inhalation and if swallowed. Irritating to the eyes, respiratory system and skin. May cause sensitization by inhalation or skin contact. Risk of serious damage to the eyes. May cause cancer. Repeated or prolonged exposure increases the risk.

I further understand that the specimen is a biohazard specimen (may create the risk for exposure to infectious diseases, i.e., HIV, hepatitis and tuberculosis).

I, \_\_\_\_\_, the patient requesting the tissue specimen, have read and understand the above

Witness: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Clinician's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Request approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Risk Management

\_\_\_\_\_ Chief of Pathology

Request denied – clinician notified: \_\_\_\_\_

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT