NERVE biopsy procedure

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Correct handling of nerve biopsies is important for interpretation of the specimen.

- Please take 25mm of nerve & tie a suture on the distal end of the nerve.
- Attach nerve hook to the other end.
- Place the nerve with suture & hook into the glass tube provided (2.5% glut fixative).
- Clamp the suture in the stopper of the glass tube & make sure the hook is suspended (refer to picture).
- Please keep the glass tube UPRIGHT & place the glass tube into the plastic cup provided.
- Place the cup into an esky surrounded by ice cubes & dispatch to VNLS.

Please deliver to:

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