Turn-Around Times for CPAT Services

FFPE Services

Technical Director – Stephen Prouty, PhD (proutysm@pennmedicine.upenn.edu)

Consultation Services: scheduled within 5-10 business days of request

Training: scheduled within 10-20 business days from date of request

Standard orders: 12-18 business days (RUSH 7-12 business days[‡])

Processing and embedding (standard*): 5-7 business days (RUSH 2-3 business days[‡])
Sectioning (standard**): 5-7 business days (RUSH 2-3 business days[‡])
H&E staining: 2-4 business days (RUSH 2-3 business days[‡])

Special histochemical stains: 5-15 business days (from time slides are generated/submitted)
Composite Block/Slide prep: 15-20 business days (processing of wet tissues adds time)

LCM slides (includes H&E): 10-15 business days

Dermpath block requests: 15-30 business days (searching to receipt of in-house blocks)^{‡‡}

Cryo Services and Immunostaining

Technical Director – Sixia Huang, PhD (sixia@pennmedicine.upenn.edu)

Consultation Services: scheduled within 5-10 business days of request

Training: scheduled within 10-15 business days from date of request

Sectioning (standard): 10-15 business days
Sectioning (LCM): 10-15 business days
Histochemical stains: 3-5 business days
IHC/IF staining (standard): 10-20 business days*

^{*}Standard processing includes mouse and human skin w/out the need for additional trimming. Tissues requiring more complicated processing, trimming, and/or embedding will result in additional time and costs

^{**}Standard sectioning is for 1-4 contiguous sections per slide at 5 microns; special request result in additional time and costs

[‡]RUSH service fees apply, double standard processing costs

^{‡‡}complicated searches, request for blocks from off-site storage will add to project completing time; slide preparation is a separate order and will incur additional project time

^{*}per run with one antibody on up to 20 slides, turnaround times are additive with each additional staining per requestor adding 5-15 days.

RUSH Service Request Guidelines

To facilitate urgent research needs of our members, the *CPAT core offers RUSH services for Standard FFPE services on a limited basis for an additional fee*. Standard and RUSH service turn-around times are listed above.

RUSH requests should be limited to small projects needed to meet critical deadlines, examples include grant submissions or manuscript revisions. All RUSH requests will require approval by Drs. John Seykora (seykora@pennmedicine.upenn.edu) and Donna Brennan-Crispi (dbrenn@pennmedicine.upenn.edu).

For Standard FFPE and LCM services, you may request a RUSH service within the order form, and you will be notified of a decision within one business day. RUSH orders should be small in size (less than 10 wet tissues or 20 blocks, and less than 50 slides) and not include special stains.

To inquire about RUSH options for any other CAPT core service, you should email Drs. John Seykora, Donna Brennan-Crispi, and Steve Prouty (pennmedicine.upenn.edu) or Sixia Huang (sixia@pennmedicine.upenn.edu), depending on the service with the following information:

- Requestor Name
- Pl Name
- Service needed
- Number of samples
- Reason for Rush
- Submission Deadline.

We will make every effort to reply within one business day with a decision.

Please note that the RUSH rate is double the standard service fee. By submitting an order as a RUSH request, you confirm you have PI approval for the additional charges.