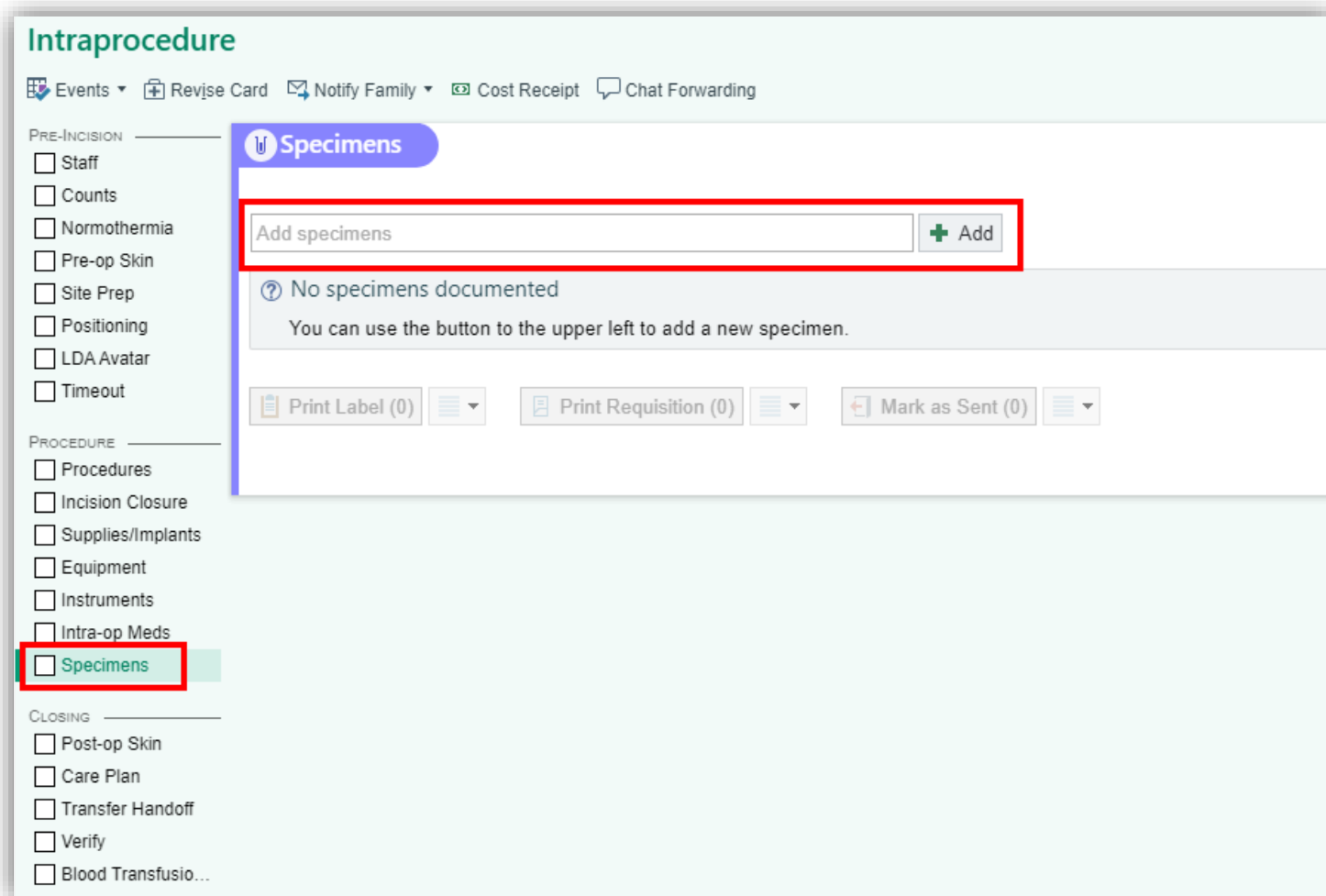


## Specimen Navigator

The Specimen Navigator is a dedicated section in Epic where surgical and perioperative staff can **document, track, and manage all intraoperative specimens**. It allows users to enter detailed information about each specimen—such as type, source, laterality, and required tests—and ensures that labels and requisitions are printed accurately. The navigator helps maintain proper chain of custody, supports timely lab processing, and reduces specimen handling errors by keeping all documentation in one place.

### Open Specimen section



**Intraoperative**

Events ▾ Revise Card Notify Family ▾ Cost Receipt Chat Forwarding

**PRE-INCISION**

- ☐ Staff
- ☐ Counts
- ☐ Normothermia
- ☐ Pre-op Skin
- ☐ Site Prep
- ☐ Positioning
- ☐ LDA Avatar
- ☐ Timeout

**PROCEDURE**

- ☐ Procedures
- ☐ Incision Closure
- ☐ Supplies/Implants
- ☐ Equipment
- ☐ Instruments
- ☐ Intra-op Meds
- ☒ **Specimens**

**CLOSING**

- ☐ Post-op Skin
- ☐ Care Plan
- ☐ Transfer Handoff
- ☐ Verify
- ☐ Blood Transfusio...

**Specimens**

Add specimens

**No specimens documented**

You can use the button to the upper left to add a new specimen.

# Epic Tip Sheet



Click on 'Add Specimen' and enter the specimen source or select it from a provided list. Then click **Accept**.

The screenshot shows the Epic Intraoperative Specimens interface. The 'Specimens' tab is active. A search bar contains 'Hernia sac'. Below it, the 'Source' section shows 'Hernia Sac' with a checkmark. The 'Type' section shows 'Hernia Sac (Tissue)'. The 'Accept' button is highlighted with a red box.

## Note to consider:

If you search for a source (where you are pulling the specimen from) and nothing comes up, you may use a source of **"MISC"** and describe the specimen details in the description field.

# Epic Tip Sheet



After selecting the source, the system will suggest the possible Specimen type and tests associated with that specimen.

For example, the **Type** could be **Tissue**, and the **Test** will be **PATH, SURG NOS** for Pathology Surgical Not otherwise specified

Enter the **Authorizing provider**, the name of the **Collecting clinician**, the **collection date /time** and add a **description** for your specimen. If the specimen is frozen, you can indicate that and additional fields will expand for you to enter more detail.

Add the provider at your facility that you want to receive a copy of the order results.

Will this be **Frozen**? Select **Yes/No** then **Accept**.

No Source - Tissue

Source  
Hernia Sac Hernia Sac Abdomen/Peritoneum Adrenal, Left Adrenal, Right Amputation Anus Appendix Bile Duct Bladder Bone Brain Breast, Left Breast, Right Catheter Cervix Color  
Duodenum Ear, Left Ear, Right Endocervix Esophagus  
[See More](#)

Type  
Tissue Tissue

Tests  
Add a test Add ☐ PATH, GU ☐ PATH, GYN ☒ PATH, SURG NOS

Authorized By  
SURGERY, PHYSICIAN SURGERY, PHYSICIAN

Collected By  
SURGERY, PHYSICIAN SURGERY, PHYSICIAN

CC Recipients  
Add CC for test result Add

ID  
1

Collected At  
1329 6/10/2025 Now

Marked as Sent  
 Now

Description

Frozen?

Non-frozen attributes:  
Alcohol Fixative Fixed in Formalin Formalin Fresh Histochoice No preservative Normal Saline Permanent

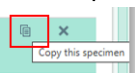
Priority:  
STAT Routine Urgent Read Requested

# Epic Tip Sheet



In the scenario that you need to send the same specimen with a different laterality; you can do that by clicking the

Copy Buton that looks like a paper icon.



**Intraoperative**

Events ▾ | Revise Card | Notify Family ▾ | Cost Receipt | Chat Forwarding

**Specimens** Complete ↑ ↓

+ Add Refresh ☒ Show Specimens marked as sent (0)

| ID | Specimen ▲                                                                          | Collected By                    | Tests          |
|----|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------|
| 1  | <b>Hernia Sac - Tissue</b><br>Description: Right Incisional Hernia Sac with omentum | Magdalena Plasilova, MD at 1026 | PATH, SURG NOS |

**Additional Information** ?

Diagnosis Codes  
 + Add ✓ Crohn's disease of small intestine without complication (CMS-HCC)

Comments  
Pre-op diagnosis: Crohn's disease of small intestine without complication (CMS-HCC) [K50.00]

Print Label (1) Print Requisition (1) Mark as Sent (1)

Previous Next

# Epic Tip Sheet



Click **Copy** button looks like the **two-paper icon**

Now you'll see the second specimen that has an **ID of number 2** you can update the description to include that new laterality.

**Intraoperative**

Events ▾ Revise Card ▾ Notify Family ▾ Cost Receipt ▾ Chat Forwarding

**Specimens** ☐ Complete ↑ ↓

Add specimens   ☒ Show Specimens marked as sent (0)

| ✓ | ID | Specimen ▲                                                                   | Collected By                    | Tests            |                       |                                                                      |
|---|----|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| ✓ | 1  | Hernia Sac - Tissue<br>Description: Right Incisional Hernia Sac with omentum | Magdalena Plasilova, MD at 1026 | • PATH, SURG NOS | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="button" value="Copy"/> <input type="button" value="X"/> |
| ✓ | 2  | Hernia Sac - Tissue<br>Description: Left Incisional Hernia Sac               | Magdalena Plasilova, MD at 1053 | • PATH, SURG NOS | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="button" value="Copy"/> <input type="button" value="X"/> |

**Additional Information** ⓘ

Diagnosis Codes  
Add a diagnosis code  ✓ Crohn's disease of small intestine without complication (CMS-HCC)

Comments  
Pre-op diagnosis: Crohn's disease of small intestine without complication (CMS-HCC) [K50.00]

# Epic Tip Sheet



The next step is to click **Print Label** to generate the label.

If the order requires it, additional questions will now be available in the **Order Task Questions** section. These are applicable to Surgical Pathology related orders.

**Intraoperative**

Events ▾ Revise Card ▾ Notify Family ▾ Cost Receipt ▾ Chat Forwarding

**Specimens** Complete ↑ ↓

Add specimens + Add Refresh Show Specimens marked as sent (0)

| ID | Specimen                                                                     | Collected By                    | Tests            |
|----|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|
| 1  | Hernia Sac - Tissue<br>Description: Right Incisional Hernia Sac with omentum | Magdalena Plasilova, MD at 1026 | • PATH, SURG NOS |
| 2  | Hernia Sac - Tissue<br>Description: Left Incisional Hernia Sac               | Magdalena Plasilova, MD at 1053 | • PATH, SURG NOS |

**Additional Information**

Diagnosis Codes  
✓ Crohn's disease of small intestine without complication (CMS-HCC)

Comments  
Pre-op diagnosis: Crohn's disease of small intestine without complication (CMS-HCC) [K50.00]

**Order Tasks to be Completed**  
Order Questions for Pathology, Surgical Pathology for Specimen 1, 2 (PATH, SURG NOS)

Print Label (2) Print Requisition (2) Mark as Sent (2)

Previous Next

The answers to these additional questions should come from the surgeon.

**Surgical Procedure**

**Clinical History/Information**

Release to patient: Immediate Immediate 24 hour delay

Comments: Pre-op diagnosis: Crohn's disease of small intestine without complication (CMS-HCC) [K50.00]

# Epic Tip Sheet



Fill out the questionnaire then Accept.

The screenshot shows the 'Intraoperative' window in Epic, specifically the 'Specimens' tab. A requisition form for 'Pathology, Surgical Pathology [LAB1126] (Order 2222605404)' is displayed. The form includes fields for Date, Department, Released By, Authorizing, Original Order, Associated Diagnoses, and Comments. The 'Surgical Procedure' is 'Herina Inguinal LAP'. The 'Clinical History/Information' is 'Chronic Abd Pain'. The 'Release to patient' is 'Immediate'. The 'Comments' section contains 'Pre-op diagnosis: Crohn's disease of small intestine without complication (CMS-HCC) [K50.00]'. The 'Accept' button is highlighted with a red box.

**Print the requisition:** Once you have collected and documented all the specimens for the case, the circulating nurse will print the requisition. The requisition has information about the patient and the specimen, including the surgeon signature line. Send one copy with the specimens to the lab and keep the surgeon-signed version on the paper chart.

This is the sample requisition printout.

## Brian Optime

MRN: 10136946

Log ID: 21820

### Pre-op Diagnosis

| Diagnosis                                                         | ICD Code |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Crohn's disease of small intestine without complication (CMS-HCC) | K50.00   |

### Infection and Isolation Status

None

### Panel Information

#### Panel 1

|                                                 |            |            |
|-------------------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Surgeon                                         |            | Role       |
| Magdalena Plasilova, MD                         |            | Primary    |
| Procedure                                       | Laterality | Anesthesia |
| Hernia - Inguinal - Laparoscopic [49650 (CPT®)] | N/A        | General    |

### General Information

|                                   |                                   |                          |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Date: 6/17/2025                   | Time: 1005                        | Status: Unposted         |
| Location: LHH OR                  | Room: OR 03                       | Service: General Surgery |
| Patient class: Outpatient Surgery | Case classification: D - Elective | Case type:               |
| Trauma case?:                     |                                   |                          |

### OR Phone Number

### Specimens

| ID                                                    | Source     | Type   | Tests            | Collected By            | Collected At | Frz? | Priority | Lab ID |
|-------------------------------------------------------|------------|--------|------------------|-------------------------|--------------|------|----------|--------|
| 1                                                     | Hernia Sac | Tissue | • PATH, SURG NOS | Magdalena Plasilova, MD | 6/17/25 1026 | No   |          |        |
| Description: Right Incisional Hernia Sac with omentum |            |        |                  |                         |              |      |          |        |
| 2                                                     | Hernia Sac | Tissue | • PATH, SURG NOS | Magdalena Plasilova, MD | 6/17/25 1053 | No   |          |        |
| Description: Left Incisional Hernia Sac               |            |        |                  |                         |              |      |          |        |

### Additional Information

Diagnosis codes: Crohn's disease of small intestine without complication (CMS-HCC) [K50.00]

### Signatures

I affirm that this form is accurate and the specimen(s) are labeled appropriately

REQ Attending: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Print) (Signature)

Contact # \_\_\_\_\_ Date/Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Copy to Attending: (Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Nurse: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Print) (Signature)

Contact # \_\_\_\_\_ Date/Time: \_\_\_\_\_

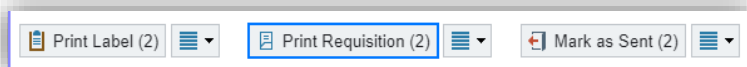
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Continuation of the sample requisition printout.

**Patient:**  
 Legal Name: Brian Optime  
 123 Grove St  
 LONG ISLAND CITY NY 11103  
 MRN: 10136946  
 CSN: 110000266076  
 DOB: 3/3/1985  
 Phone: 231-231-2343  
 Sex: M  
 Order Date: Jun 17, 2025

**Pathology, Surgical Pathology** (Order ID: 2222605404)  
**Diagnosis:** Crohn's disease of small intestine without complication (CMS-HCC) (K50.00)  
**Reason for Exam:**  
**Priority:** Routine  
 Comments: Specimen ID: 1  
 Pre-op diagnosis:  
 Crohn's disease of small intestine without complication (CMS-HCC) [K50.00]  
 Specimen ID: 2  
 Pre-op diagnosis:  
 Crohn's disease of small intestine without complication (CMS-HCC) [K50.00]  
 Clinical History/Information: Chronic Abd Pain  
 Surgical Procedure: Herina Inguinal LAP  
 Release to patient: Immediate [1]  
 Ordered by: Barbara Boyle, RN  
 Authorized by: Magdalena Plasilova, MD (NPI: 1841456985)  
 Supervisor: Magdalena Plasilova, MD

## Definition of the buttons



**Print Label** - Generates and prints the specimen label that will be placed on the container. It includes key information such as patient name, specimen type, source, and collection date/time.

**Print Requisition** - Prints the specimen requisition form, which accompanies the specimen to the lab and includes detailed order information, including tests requested and clinical context if applicable.

**Mark as Sent** - This button is used to indicate that the specimen has physically left the procedural area and is on its way to the lab.

**Important Note:** Marking a specimen as "Sent" **does not automatically send or transmit the specimen electronically**. It is a **manual status update** and should only be used once the specimen is actually in transit to the lab to avoid miscommunication or tracking errors.



| Version Control |                     |                        |          |
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