



Recovery Update



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The New CryoPaks®

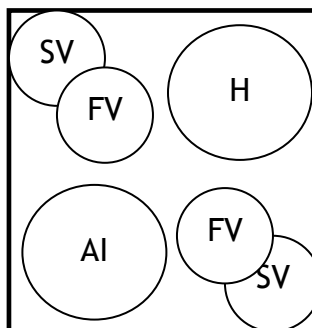
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We are pleased to inform you that, beginning mid-June, there will be a new bag in the sterile kits. The use of this bag will alleviate the concerns over the leaking bag issues (see below for details). Thank you for your patience and understanding as we worked diligently to launch this great new program. A few reminders:

- **Packaging:** We are receiving multiple coolers for the same donor. This is not necessary. Both cardiac and vascular tissue can be packaged together in the same cooler. Please follow the packaging protocol in the recovery documents (DS5521 - Heart, DS5522 - Vascular, DS5474 - AI). As the diagram below shows, 2 cardiac buckets (Heart & AI) and 4 nalgene jars (2 Saphenous Veins & 2 Femoral Veins) can all be packaged together *in a single cooler*.

Proper Packaging for Cardiac/AI/Vascular Donor



New bags in the sterile kits

- **Alternate Bag:** Effective mid-June, a new bag will replace the current bags in the sterile kits. Although similar in size (8 x 4 x 18), it is a gusseted bag. You may continue to use the sterile kits with the current bag (9 x 18 flat bag) utilizing the modified packaging procedure accordingly.
- **Documenting Batch Numbers:** The correct batch number to document in the recovery paperwork appears on the 3-set piggy-back label. This label may be adhered to your paperwork to make the documentation process less cumbersome. When requesting Certificates of Assurance for the sterile kits, the batch number that appears on the outside of the box (MS5680 or MS5681) must be used. Please see page 2 for examples of location of labels and different batch numbers.

If you have any questions, please contact your Donor Services Account Manager or Heather Laird at 800-438-8285.

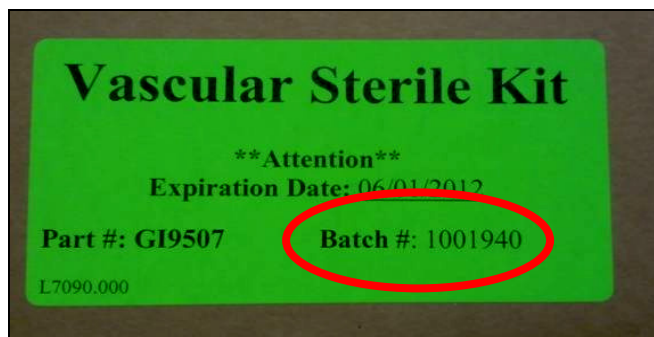
Examples of Labels and Batch Numbers



Cooler Kit Label

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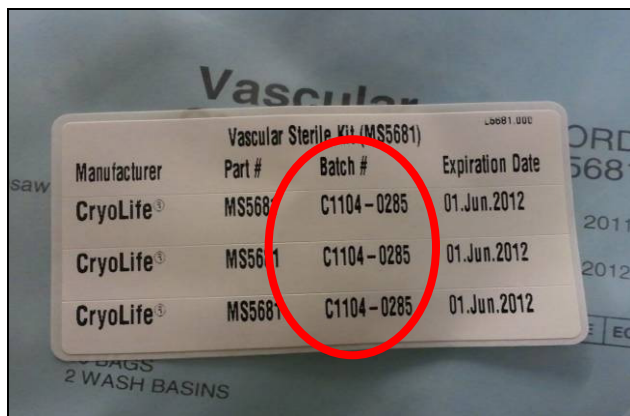
- Located on the outside of the box that contains the cooler.
- Currently, there is no documentation requirement for the batch number on this label. However, when requesting a Certificate of Assurance, the batch number must be used.



Sterile Kit Assembly Label

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- Located on the outside of the box that contains the sterile kits.
- Please use this batch number when requesting a Certificate of Assurance. (Please notice the different format of the batch number compared to the sterile kit label below.)
- The same format is used for the Cardiac label.



3 set piggy-back label for the sterile kit

Sterile Kit Label

- A 3 set piggy-back label located on the sterile kit itself.
- *This batch number must be documented in the recovery paperwork.*
 - You can either peel & stick the label onto the recovery paperwork or hand-write the batch number onto the recovery paperwork.

Requesting Pathology Services?

As a reminder, whenever pathology services are requested and the residual tissue and/or slides are to be provided to your local medical examiner/coroner, **a correct and complete address is required.**

Without this address, the process could be slowed down and important information delayed. **When no address or an incomplete address is provided, the residual tissue and/or slides will be sent directly to you, our Recovery Partner, to be forwarded to the medical examiner/coroner.**

So, to minimize delays for your local medical examiner/coroner when requesting pathology services, remember to give us a complete address.

In addition, if no indication is made regarding pathology services, none will be performed. Residual cardiac tissues received in the Pathology Laboratory are stored for 90 days.



Recovery Training Opportunities

Donor Services Webinars

CryoLife Donor Services will be hosting a series of **webinars** focusing on various subjects relating to the tissue recovery process. These webinars are typically 15-30 minutes in length with an opportunity at the end of each webinar for discussion and questions. Certificates of Attendance will be provided to participants upon request and the training may be eligible for AATB CEUs.

Webinars are currently being held monthly and offered at multiples dates/times to accommodate various schedules. Past webinars included aortoiliac and femoral vein recoveries. Upcoming dates and topics will be announced soon.

If you would like to see a presentation on a certain topic, please contact Jeff Wiggins or your Donor Services Account Manager. For any questions or concerns regarding webinars, the CARE Program, any other training opportunities, or technical questions, please contact Jeff Wiggins, Donor Services Technical Trainer.



Femoral Vein Recovery and Packaging



Last month's
webinar

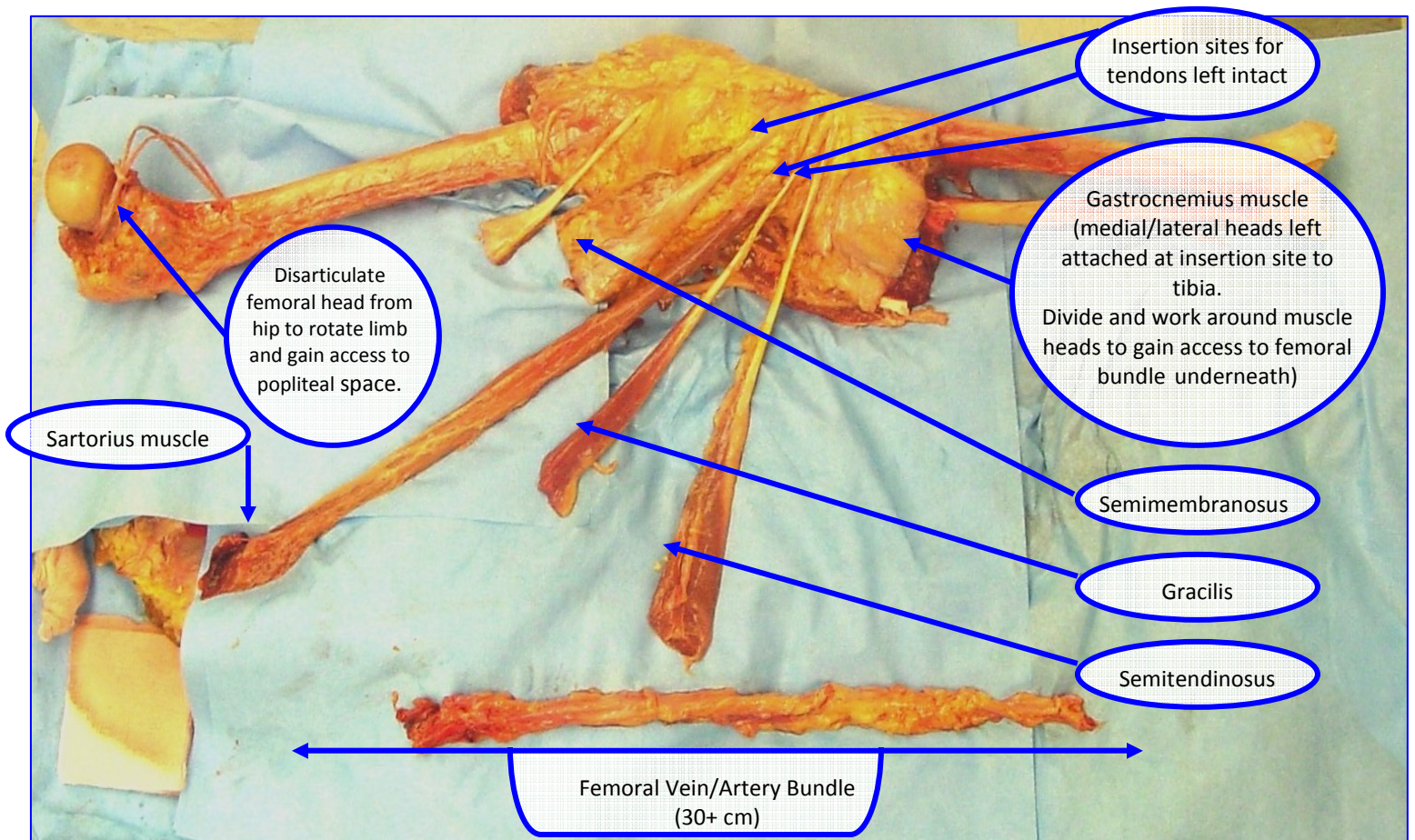


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Tendon Isolation for Femoral Vein/Artery Recovery

One of the keys to a successful femoral vein/artery recovery is visualization. The attached photo shows the muscle/tendon groups that can be isolated and reflected to provide better exposure to the femoral bundle, especially in the popliteal space behind the knee. The dissection of the tendons surrounding the knee may also allow for an OA knee recovery.

Another step that may increase visibility behind the knee is to disarticulate the femoral head from the hip, allowing for a lateral rotation of the leg so that the popliteal space is positioned up and toward you.



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