

## Fixing Skin and Small Biopsies

### Special Considerations

- Correct tissue orientation is crucial for skin, cervix, and esophagus biopsies: make sure to orient correctly before fixing.
- When submitting samples to the Histopathology Lab, make sure you let them know that the **specimen is fixed flat**, as shown in the diagram below.
- Accompany your request for processing with instructions that specifically state to **“embed on edge”** so that sections will then allow visualization of the appropriate layers in sequence.
- Small biopsies require shorter processing times: make sure to notify your histotechnician accordingly.

