

## Specimen laterality (Core)

1. Specimen laterality information is needed for identification purposes and to localize the lesion for subsequent therapy. A diagram or photograph can facilitate this.<sup>1,2</sup>
2. It is important that the site of the biopsy be recorded as specifically/accurately as possible to reduce the risk of any required additional re-excision occurring at the incorrect site.
3. The term 'Midline' would be used in instances where the tumour is not specifically on the left or right hand side of the anatomical location.

## References

- 1 Scolyer RA, Thompson JF and Stretch JR (2004). Pathology of melanocytic lesions: new, controversial, and clinically important issues. *Journal of Surgical Oncology* 86(4):200–211.
- 2 Scolyer RA, Mihm Jr MC, Cochran AJ, Busam KJ and McCarthy SW (2009). Pathology of melanoma. In: *Cutaneous Melanoma*, Balch CM, Houghton Jr A, Sober A and Soong SJ (eds), Quality Medical Publishing, St. Louis, Missouri, 205–248.