

## **AFIP GUIDELINES FOR SHIPPING GROSS BRAIN SPECIMENS**

Whole brains submitted for neuropathologic examination should be fixed in neutral buffered formalin for at least two (2) weeks prior to shipment. The specimen should then be placed in a leak-proof container(s) and shipped FedEx to the standard AFIP accessions address found on our consultation sheet or on the web page, [www.afip.org](http://www.afip.org). There are no special shipment/packaging requirements for cases suspicious for infectious diseases or Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, although we request such risks be written on the container and in the accompanying documentation. We recommend the following CAP guidelines for handling the tissue in your lab prior to shipment. CAP guidelines may be accessed at [www.cap.org](http://www.cap.org).