**Specimens that require testing at HMDS, Leeds**

***LN specimens***

***LN core biopsies*** - each site specific sample should be sent to the Histology laboratory in formalin in its entirety (not split between formalin and saline as per photo below) (as per HMDS handbook)



***LN excisions*** should be received ***fresh*** or on a saline soaked gauze (**not fully immersed in saline**).

***Marker studies specimens***

***Skin punch biopsies*** can be sent to HMDS in ***formalin*** (as per HMDS handbook) (please see photo above)

If ***larger skin excisions*** are taken for marker studies, please send to the Histology laboratory ***fresh*** or on a saline soaked gauze (not fully immersed in saline).

\*Please note – if a specimen is going to be retrieved out of routine laboratory hours (Monday to Friday 8.30am-5pm excluding bank holidays) please liaise with York Histopathology and HMDS as both laboratories work these periods with reduced staff.

Further information can be found at: <http://hmds.info/hmds-lab-user-guide>