

## TRICHROME STAIN OF SMALL BOWEL #1 (2013) and #2 (2013)

Short explanation:

The Masson's trichrome stain highlights tissue subtypes in small bowel.

Expanded commentary:

When a pathologist requests a special stain, like Masson's trichrome, on a piece of tissue, the histologist will often include an extra slide when the case is returned to the physician for interpretation. The extra slide is a control – a piece of tissue that is used again and again to test that the stain actually worked! Both of these images were captured from a control slide of small bowel used to make sure the trichrome stain was in good order.