

Algorithm – NOCO OR & Emergency Dept. Cases

Fetus Delivered In Peri OP/ Emergency Dept.

< 20 weeks fetal demise

Education of MOC regarding surgical/ anatomical pathology exam and disposition of tissue

Pathology Exam

No Pathology Exam

Physician or Midwife to fill out Pathology Request Form for Exam and Pregnancy Loss Form (1400-0005) With choice of disposition

If Cytogenetics Testing is wanted there must be an order of a pathology exam

MOC has decided on no Exam and has determined her choice on disposition – Fill out Pregnancy Loss Form (1400-0005) Only

MMC and BFCMC send fetal tissue to NCMC LAB for storage via Lab Courier

NCMC Proceed below

MOC to pick up from pathology contact HS

\*\*Funeral Home pick up

Pathology disposal of fetus

\*\*Undecided

Fetus Discharged with MOC, released to patient

Fetus to mortuary. MOC (Family) to contact Mortuary for arrangements. Store in lab until HS and Mortuary arrange pick-up

Cremation, Hospital burial for disposal of fetus

Undecided

**1. Post Exam by Summit Pathology (SP). MOC Choices:**  
 a. MOC Pick Up – SP to notify HS that exam is complete – HS to notify MOC and assist with coordination of tissue pick up  
 b. \*\* MOC Chooses Funeral Home/Undecided– SP will call HS to assist in calling MOC for Funeral Home pick up coordination or decision if initially undecided  
 c. If either Disposal or Undecided is chosen SP holds specimen for 30 days then disposes  
 d. All Undecided choices need to be called to the HS. The HS phone # can be given to the MOC for contact.  
**2.** Question that the case should be a medical examiner case the HS will assist with call.

Fetal tissue (placenta included if available) goes to Pathology for Exam with the Request Form and Pregnancy Loss Form

End

1. MOC (Family) given fetus in approved receptacle.  
 2. Follow Fetal Demise Workflow (request for release)  
 3. And/or MOC (Family) instructed to notify the County Health Dept.

1. Fetus is taken to Lab for storage in the appropriate receptacle with:  
**Pregnancy Loss Form with gestational age and Appropriate patient identification on receptacle.**  
 2. Lab will complete the **"NoCo Fetal Demise/Product of Conception Receiving Form"** and place with the Receptacle/specimen in NCMC LAB walk-in refrigerator.  
 3. Lab will store specimen with **"NoCo Fetal Demise/Product of Conception Receiving Form"** and **Pregnancy Loss Form** until HS of originating facility or Mortuary notifies lab of pick-up. **Pregnancy Loss Form must be signed by mortuary and lab staff at time of pick-up. Copy of Pregnancy Loss form once completed, send to Med Records. Forms are retained in lab for documentation**

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 3. Lab will store Fetal remains for 30 days  
 4. At 30 days the Lab will notify Frozen Room Staff/Summit Pathology to arrange disposal. SP path assistant will sign and date **"NoCo Fetal Demise/Product of Conception Receiving Form"** when picking up for disposal. Forms are retained in lab for documentation.

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**Mortuary Pickup: Pregnancy Loss Form must be signed by mortuary and lab staff at time of pick up. Copy of Pregnancy Loss Form once completed, send to Med Records. Forms are retained in Lab for documentation.**  
**Disposal:** Lab will notify Frozen Room Staff/Summit Pathology to arrange disposal. SP path assistant will sign and date **"NoCo Fetal Demise/Product of Conception Receiving Form"** when picking up for disposal. Forms are retained in lab for documentation.

**NOCO CONTACT REFERENCE:**  
**\*NOCO House Supervisors:**  
 - BFCMC – 821-4200  
 - MMC – 820-6027  
 - NCMC – 810-6503  
**\*NOCO Lab Contact:**  
 - BFCMC – 821-4350  
 - MMC - 820-2602  
 - NCMC – 810-5222  
**\* Risk Management:**  
 - BFCMC – 820-4667  
 - MMC – 820-4667  
 - NCMC – 810-4606  
 - Risk Main Line – 810-6851  
**\* Summit Pathology (SP) Gross Rooms – HS USE ONLY:**  
 - BFCMC – 970-212-0530 (SP Main Lab)  
 - MMC – 970-820-1379  
 - NCMC – 970-810-4836  
**\* House Supervisor – WIS Staff to set up autopsy:**  
 - Pediatric Autopsy – Lutheran Medical Center (LMC) Pathology – LMC Staff will contact  
 Pathology MD: 303-425-2083