



# CONWAY MEDICAL CENTER

## PROCEDURE

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TITLE:	LAB-SPC-HIS-09.01.01 Submission for Exam of Fetus and Placenta-PRO		
ISSUED BY:	Sr. Tech, Anatomic Pathology	REFERENCE #:	LAB-SPC-HIS-09.01.01-PRO
APPROVED BY:	Lab Director	EFFECTIVE DATE:	2007-02-09

**SCOPE:** All nursing staff, physicians, and laboratory staff that may be involved with the submission of deliveries.

**I) DEFINITIONS:** Complete definitions for the types of delivery and fetus are located in the Nursing Procedure entitled "Stillborn, Nonviable Live Birth, and Neonatal Death, L&D-4.330.PRO. Below are the comparable weights for the designations.

- A) Premature Delivery: Fetus weighs between 1000 and 2499 grams and measures 35 to 47 cm in length.
- B) Immature Delivery: Fetus weighs between 351 and 999 grams and measures 28-35 cm in length.
- C) Abortion: Fetus is less than 350 grams and is less than 28 cm long.

**II) PROCEDURE:**

- A) Premature Delivery: Permission for autopsy obtained by nursing staff submitted with the fetus to the pathology lab with proper patient labeling.
- B) Immature Delivery: Fetus should be placed in formalin bottle and delivered to the pathology lab with appropriate forms.
  - 1. Be sure that container lid tightly closed.
  - 2. Be sure that demographic label with appropriate patient identification is placed on the container – NOT THE LID.
- C) Abortion: Delivery to the pathology lab as all other surgical specimens.
- D) Submission Documentation Requirements:
  - 1. Demographic label: Include to following for each submission:  
Patient name, DOB, Medical Record number, date and time of delivery, physician.
  - 2. Surgical card completed for Abortion sample

**III. MATERIALS REQUIRED:** The following shall be supplied by the Pathology Department upon request but adequate supply must be kept in the L&D and in OR should Pathology be closed:

- A. Surgical Cards
- B. Formalin Containers



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### IV. RELATED DOCUMENTS: L&D, SECTION, 4.330

**RECORDS:** See nursing documentation (above)

**REFERENCE STANDARDS:** CAP GEN.40000; GEN.40100;GEN.40016; GEN.40015; GEN.40100

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