



# CONWAY MEDICAL CENTER

## PROCEDURE

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TITLE:	LAB-SPC-HIS-09.01 Disposal of Fetus-PRO		
ISSUED BY:	Sr. Tech, Anatomic Pathology	REFERENCE #:	LAB-SPC-HIS-09.01-PRO
APPROVED BY:	Lab Director	EFFECTIVE DATE:	2002-09-16

**SCOPE :** All nursing staff, physicians, and laboratory staff that may be involved with the submission of a fetus for disposal.

### **PROCEDURE:**

- I. Documentation protocols and requirements for fetal remains defined in L&D procedures as required by law.
- II. Fetus Weight Less than 1000 grams will be disposed of by the Pathology Department with the proper documentation:
  - A. Consent for Care of Fetal Remains
  - B. Burial Removal Transit Permit
  - C. Death Notification
  - D. Birth and Death Certificate – IF the it was defined as a “LIVE BIRTH”
- III. Fetus Weight Greater than 1000 grams: Pathology Department will notify the designated funeral home. Nursing will provide the appropriate paperwork.

**RELATED DOCUMENTS: L&D -4.330-PRO**

**RECORDS: SEE NURSING DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS**

**REFERENCE STANDARDS: CAP GEN.40000; GEN.40100;GEN.40016; GEN.40050; GEN.40100**

### **REVISION/REVIEW HISTORY:**

Date	Affected Section(s)	Summary of Changes ('Reviewed' or details of change)
5-19-11 wr	None	Reviewed/revised-Saved electronically in the lab G drive.
11-15-11 wr	Format	Change in format for MCN.
02-10-13lds	All	Removed duplication and placed in Roman Numeral format. Content adjusted to exclude Nursing approvals.
3-29-13 wr	None	Reviewed. No content changes.
6-11-14va	None	Reviewed content no changes.
3-16-15va	None	Reviewed. No content changes.
12-28-16va	None	Reviewed. No content changes.



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