

Packing List for the Release of Products of Conception or Stillborn for Transport

Audience: Emergency / Pathology / Peri-operative / Perinatal staff

Purpose:

To support the return of pregnancy remains to patients in a private, respectful, and compassionate manner, please place the sealed, leak-proof container inside a handmade cloth bag.

Island Health is committed to supporting people who are experiencing pregnancy loss or termination of pregnancy and who wish to take home their **products of conception** (under 20+0 weeks gestation and under 500 gram and no signs of life) or transport their **stillborn** (at 20+0 weeks gestation and over, or 500 gram and over and no signs of life). Please see the procedure: "Release of Products of Conception or Stillborn to Patient" for specific requirements if transport of stillborn is requested.

Packing list

- **Sealed leak-proof opaque container (to ensure privacy and safety) without formalin**



- Depending on gestational age have the following sizes ranging from 250ml to 2000ml

- **Cloth bag to place sealed leak-proof container into**



- Source cloth bags from Island Health Auxiliary or community partners. See below for sample of email to community partners
- Depending on gestational age, have the following sizes available:
 - Small for 500ml and under containers
 - Large for 2000ml containers
- Note: if your unit handles these requests infrequently, staff can reach out to the OR for a cloth bag
- If requests increase, please contact the Surgical Quality team on suggestions to source bags for the department:
surgicalquality@islandhealth.ca

- **Add patient handout to bag to hand to patient at discharge: Patient handout about release of pregnancy tissue to them**
 - Procedure Appendix B1 Patient handout about testing and disposition including release of products of conception to them
 - Procedure Appendix B2 Patient handout about testing and disposition including release of stillborn to them for transport
 - Procedure Appendix B3: Patient handout: Manner of transferring human remains (Stillborn) per the Cremation, Interment and Funeral Services Act