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## **EARLY PREGNANCY CARE**

### **MANAGEMENT OF THE PRODUCTS OF CONCEPTION FOLLOWING PREGNANCY LOSS (INCLUDING MISCARRIAGE OR TERMINATION OF PREGNANCY) IN CHILDREN AGE 13 YEARS AND UNDER.**

#### **PROCEDURE**

1. The Child Abuse Squad (WA Police) must be informed of all children who present at KEMH who are age 13 years or under and are pregnant.
2. Email to be sent to the WA Police Child Interview & Assessment Team – email address [CAIT@police.wa.gov.au](mailto:CAIT@police.wa.gov.au) outlining the circumstances. If the matter is urgent please contact the WA Police Child Abuse Squad on call Detective Sergeant on 0421 617 141.
3. A mandatory report must be lodged by Shift Co-ordinator/ Nurse- Midwifery Manager, with the [Department of Child Protection Mandatory Reporting Service \( 1800 708 704\)](#).
4. The products of conception following miscarriage / termination must be placed in an appropriate specimen container, labelled and identified appropriately and sent to Perinatal Pathology. Formalin or any other substances must not be used in the container.
5. The specimen/fetus shall be stored in the perinatal pathology fridge appropriately identified for a maximum of one week. Prior to disposal, the investigating officer from WA Police is to be consulted.
6. All requests for sample tissue shall be made through the KEMH Mediation and Legal Support Service.
7. Sample tissue as requested by the WA Police Service shall be collected by KEMH perinatal pathology staff. All remaining products of conception shall remain in Perinatal Pathology.
8. When collecting the sample tissue the Police Officer shall present a court issued search warrant pursuant to Section 42 of the Criminal Investigation Act 2006 at the WNHS Mediation and Legal Service prior to collection.
9. All communications shall occur through the WNHS Mediation and Legal Service.
10. Specimens from other sites shall be managed through MLSS (Mediation and Legal Support Service).

<b>REFERENCES (STANDARDS)</b>	
National Standards – 12- Provision of Care Legislation – Section 42 Criminal Investigation Act 2006 Related Policies - Nil Other related documents Nil	
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