

1 10A NCAC 14E .0311 is amended with changes as published in NCR 29:11, pp. 1290-1298 as follows:

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3 **10A NCAC 14E .0311 SURGICAL SERVICES**

4 (a) ~~Facilities.~~ ~~[Clinics.]~~ The ~~operating procedure~~ room shall be maintained exclusively for ~~[surgical]~~ ~~[abortion]~~  
5 procedures and shall be so designed and maintained to provide an atmosphere free of contamination by pathogenic  
6 organisms. The ~~facility clinic~~ shall establish procedures for infection control and universal precautions.

7 (b) Tissue Examination:

8 (1) The physician performing the abortion is responsible for examination of all products of conception  
9 (P.O.C.) prior to patient discharge. Such examination shall note specifically the presence or  
10 absence of chorionic ~~villi and~~ ~~[villi,]~~ ~~villi and fetal parts parts~~, or the amniotic sac. The results of  
11 the examination shall be recorded in the patient's medical record.

12 ~~(2) The facility shall have written procedures, supplies and equipment available for gross and~~  
13 ~~microscopic evaluation of abortion specimens. If placental or fetal tissue is not identified by gross~~  
14 ~~examination, a microscopic examination must be done on the P.O.C. In cases where the~~  
15 ~~microscopic evaluation is negative for chorionic villi and fetal parts, or the weight of the P.O.C.~~  
16 ~~falls substantially below the appropriate weight range for the fetal age, a microscopic examination~~  
17 ~~by a board certified or board eligible pathologist shall be done on the P.O.C.~~

18 ~~(3) The results of this examination, the findings of further patient evaluation and any subsequent~~  
19 ~~treatment must be recorded in the patient's medical record.~~

20 (2) ~~[Based on gestational age, if] If adequate tissue is not [obtained,]~~ ~~obtained based on the gestational~~  
21 ~~age, ectopic pregnancy or an incomplete procedure shall be considered and evaluated by the~~  
22 ~~physician performing the procedure.~~

23 (4) (3) The ~~facility clinic~~ shall establish procedures for obtaining, identifying, ~~storing~~ ~~storing~~, and  
24 transporting specimens.

25 ~~(5) The facility shall establish a method for follow up of patients on whom no villi are seen.~~

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31 *1984.*