Work Flow for the Transport of Placentas from NWH to BWH

1. Delivery at NWH: NWH OB work flow
   a. NWH delivering obstetrician will print out standard requisition for placental pathology
   b. Placenta will be packaged via current NWH guidelines ("After the delivery, remove the Kelly clamp from the cord and transfer the placenta and attached cord from the placenta into the red bag. Using a black permanent marker, label the bag with the mother's name, medical record number and date and time of delivery."). The labeled red bag will then be placed in the white bucket.
   c. MOTHER’S sticker will be placed on the white bucket in addition to specialized sticker ("NWH TH evaluation placenta – Attn: BWH Perinatal Pathology")
   d. Packaged and labeled placenta will then be placed in cooler filled with ice for transport.
   e. Cooler to be brought to NWH SCN for transport to BWH via Medflight

2. Newborn in NWH SCN: NWH Neonatology work flow, Medflight work flow
   a. NWH neonatology to notify Medflight at time of transport call that placenta will be transported in conjunction with infant
   b. NWH neonatology and Medflight will collaboratively review and crosscheck the placental specimen. Data forms will be signed as indicated by both parties

3. Newborn arrival in BWH NICU: BWH Neonatology work flow, Medflight work flow
   a. Medflight and BWH neonatology will collaboratively review and crosscheck the placental specimen upon arrival to BWH NICU. Data forms will be signed as indicated by both parties.
   b. BWH BABY sticker to be placed on NWH REQUISITION (in conjunction WITH mother’s sticker)
   c. Resident/NNP/PA/Fellow/Attending (to be determined when placenta arrives who is most available) to take placenta to L&D.
   d. For notification, L&D charge nurse will be paged or texted via hospital cell phone system (e.g. Voalte) prior to placenta being brought to L&D.
   e. Neonatology provider to ask LDR charge RN (NIC) to sign in placenta and document into log book.
   f. Placenta will be placed in refrigerator pending transfer to pathology
   g. BWH neonatology will NOT enter an Epic order for placental path in baby chart

4. Placenta to BWH L&D/Pathology work flows
   a. NWH placenta and accompanying NWH placental pathology requisition will be delivered by BWH L&D to BWH Pathology Grossing Room during the regularly scheduled placenta delivery (M-F only).
   b. BWH Pathology will accession all NWH placentas as consults and will client bill NWH for the placenta testing – regardless of mother’s location (transferred to BWH or remaining at NWH).
   c. BWH pathology reports should include Dr. Anthony Mattia’s name (NWH Pathology) in “copy to” provider in BWH Pathology PowerPath at time of accession

5. Cleaning of coolers
   a. To be done by environmental services.
   b. “Clean” label placed on cooler.
   c. Cleaned cooler will then be placed in foyer outside of fellow call room on CWN 6 (NOT in NICU hallway)

6. Transport of cooler from BWH to NWH
   a. Neonatology MD who is traveling between both institutions.