

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.