

10A NCAC 14E .0327 SURGICAL SERVICES

(a) The procedure room shall be maintained exclusively for surgical procedures and shall be so designed and maintained to provide an atmosphere free of contamination by pathogenic organisms. The clinic shall establish procedures for infection control and universal precautions.

(b) Tissue Examination:

- (1) The physician performing the abortion is responsible for examination of all products of conception (P.O.C.) prior to patient discharge. Such examination shall note specifically the presence or absence of chorionic villi and fetal parts, or the amniotic sac. The results of the examination shall be recorded in the patient's medical record.
- (2) If adequate tissue is not obtained based on the gestational age, ectopic pregnancy or an incomplete procedure shall be considered and evaluated by the physician performing the procedure.
- (3) The clinic shall establish procedures for obtaining, identifying, storing, and transporting specimens.

History Note: Authority G.S. 143B-10; S.L. 2023-14, s. 2.4; Emergency Adoption Eff. July 18, 2023.