



# Fetal Remains Disposition & Patient Support Policy

The protocol was written with input from medical professionals, attorneys, and parents who have experienced pregnancy loss. It's designed to promote respectful and compassionate care for patients experiencing miscarriage. The protocol outlines disposition options for remains, grief support referrals, memory-making opportunities, staff training, and standardized communication procedures.



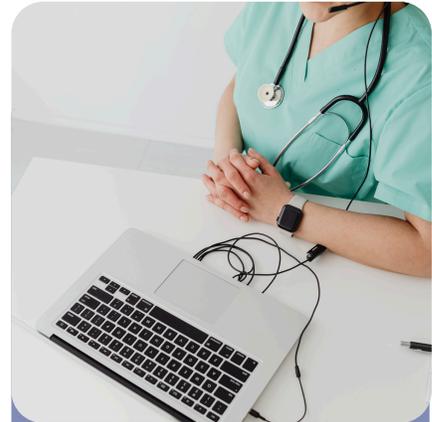
## Ensure Compassionate Support

Offer options that validate the significance of pregnancy loss and reduce patient distress. Referrals for grief counseling or spiritual care, memory-making options, and home recovery kits can all promote emotional healing for patients and job satisfaction for staff.



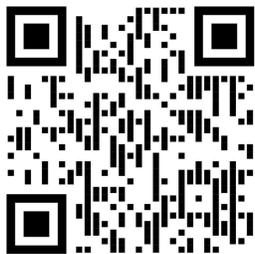
## Offer Respectful Disposition Options

Distinguish respectful cremation from medical waste disposal, release remains to licensed funeral homes, or coordinate transfer to authorized labs for testing. Standardize procedures so patients know what to expect and staff can react confidently and efficiently.



## Communicate Clearly and Consistently

Train staff to communicate rights and options and document patient preferences. Establish clear protocols to minimize ambiguity. Provide patients with written explanations of rights and available options to reduce confusion and enhance agency.



**Bridge the gap between medical necessity and patient dignity.**

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