



## 9 SPECIMEN COLLECTION AND PREPARATION

### 9.3 Products of Conception/Foetal Loss

#### 9.3.1 QEH Protocol

Products of conception and Foetuses under 24 weeks for routine histological analysis and for respectful disposal only should be fixed in 10% Buffered formalin and sent to the Laboratory.

- Foetuses over 24 weeks should be sent to the mortuary
- For advice please contact the Mortuary at QEH on 0191 445 2309.

#### 9.3.2 STDH Protocol

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Products of conception and Foetuses under 24 weeks for respectful disposal only should be fixed in 10% Buffered formalin and sent to the mortuary.

- Foetuses over 24 weeks should be sent to the mortuary
- For advice please contact the Mortuary at STDH on 0191 202 4164

#### 9.3.3 SRH Protocol

Products of conception for routine histological analysis should be fixed in 10% Buffered formalin and sent to the Laboratory.

Products of conception and Foetuses under 24 weeks for respectful disposal only should be fixed in 10% Buffered formalin and sent to the mortuary.

- Intact foetuses of all trimesters should be sent fresh to the mortuary
- For advice please contact the Mortuary at SRH on 0191 5699042