

## Clinical Process Instruction Manual

### Disposal of Tissues Process Instruction

#### Policy:

Trillium Gift of Life Network (TGLN) ensures that proper storage and disposal protocol is maintained for tissues that are not transplanted. At all times, tissue for disposal are treated with respect and in accordance with disposal instructions as per the donor family (if possible) and/or Coroner.

If after delivery of tissue, disposal is deemed necessary, the tissue bank(s) in possession are responsible for disposal and appropriate record keeping.

#### Process:

1. If recovered tissue(s) are declined by the tissue bank(s) prior to the recovery team leaving the recovery room, the Tissue Recovery Coordinator (TRC) will return the recovered tissue to the body. The TRC will note in the donor chart that recovered tissues were returned with the body.
2. If recovered tissue(s) are declined by the tissue bank(s) after leaving the recovery room, the TRC will deliver the tissue to the tissue bank(s) for them to discard in accordance with the tissue bank's practice.

#### Records:

Record Name	Form No. (if applicable)	Record Holder	Record Location	Record Retention Time (as a minimum)
Donor Chart	--	PRC	PRC	16 years



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