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Quarantining and Discarding Tissue

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I. PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVE:

The purpose of this document is to provide the Blood Bank staff with specific guidelines for quarantining tissues from the available inventory until a thorough review and/or final disposition of the tissue(s) can take place. Compliance to these guidelines will promote the quality and traceability of each tissue provided by the Blood Bank.

II. DEFINITIONS:

- A. **Quarantine:** To isolate nonconforming tissue to prevent their issuance or use.
- B. **Non-conformance:** Failure to meet requirements. Example: sterility, illegible label, improperly measured tissues (12mm bone which actually measures 14mm), etc.

III. SPECIAL SAFETY PRECAUTIONS:

Tissues are biohazards. Any broken or compromised tissues should be handled using standard precautions.

IV. PROCEDURE:

A. Quarantining tissue

1. Remove implicated tissue from the inventory.
2. Quarantine the tissue in the Blood Bank Information system. Refer to Transfusion Medicine CDM, [Blood Bank CDM - Edit Unit Status](#). If the tissue is deemed unacceptable as determined by the physician, the supplier must be contacted for instruction on proper return or discard of

- the product.
3. Place tissue in the designated site specific quarantine area and affix a quarantine label to the tissue packaging.
 - a. Quarantine Locations:
 - a. Frozen tissue must go into a monitored ultra-low freezer in an area sequestered from general inventory, and labeled "Quarantined".
 - b. Refrigerated tissue must go into a monitored refrigerator in an area sequestered from general inventory, and labeled "Quarantined".
 - c. Room temperature tissue must go into a monitored room temperature area sequestered from general inventory, and labeled "Quarantined".
 - d. Tissue stored in a liquid nitrogen Dewar must be placed in a biohazard bag and returned to the liquid nitrogen Dewar, in the quarantine metal sleeve.
 4. Document quarantined tissues using the on-line Internal Variance form.

B. Discarding Tissue

A. Discarding Tissue Products

Tissue may need to be discarded for several reasons: unsatisfactory visual inspection, unacceptable temperature, expiration date, etc. Tissue must remain in quarantine area until discard is approved by a Tissue Coordinator, Tissue Technologist, or Blood Bank Supervisor. The following steps are taken to discard a tissue:

1. The product should be discarded in the Blood Bank computer system. Refer to [Blood Bank CDM - Edit Unit Status](#).
2. When discarding tissues in the computer, a code is entered for the discard reason:
 - a. AUTO: auto unit expired
 - b. BTWS: broken in transport-supplier
 - c. DAM: damaged by nurse
 - d. EXPCR: expired with cost recovery
 - e. EXPIR: expired
 - f. FAIL: visual inspection failed
 - g. LAB: lab accident
 - h. ONU: opened, not used
 - i. ONUCR: open, not used with cost recovery
 - j. PATHD: pathologist determined
 - k. SFAIL: visual inspection failed-supplier
 - l. SHP: shipped-improper condition
 - m. SRCAL: supplier recall
 - n. SUPD: supplier defect
 - o. TCLER: tissue-clerical error

- p. TPOOR: tissue poor quality
- 3. Complete the tissue tracking form that is included inside packaging before discarding.
- 4. The product should be physically discarded in a red Biohazard bin as medical waste. This medical waste is picked up from Beaumont Health by a medical waste management company and disposed of by means of incineration (or other governmentally approved means). Refer to Policy, [Management and Disposal of Infectious Waste & Sharps](#).

V. WARNINGS:

Market withdrawal, recall, and discovery of nonconforming tissues require immediate sequestering from available inventory.

VI. REFERENCES:

- A. AABB, Standards for Blood Banks and Transfusion Services, current edition.
- B. American Association of Tissue Banks, Standards, current edition

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