



CEDARS-SINAI MEDICAL CENTER®

Instructions for Fetal Submission for Research

FETAL SPECIMENS THAT ARRIVE PRIOR TO THE COMPLETION OF THE INFORMED CONSENT PROCESS WILL BE HELD AT THE REGISTRY FOR A MAXIMUM 5 OF DAYS. **If informed consent cannot be obtained within 5 days, the specimens will be returned to your institution.**

SHIPPING ADDRESS: Medical Genetics Institute/Cedars-Sinai Medical Center
Attn: Arleen Hernandez
International Skeletal Dysplasia Registry /Pacific Theatres Bldg.
116 N. Robertson Blvd. 4th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90048
Phone: 310-423-9915

WE DO NOT RECEIVE SAMPLES ON WEEKENDS OR HOLIDAYS!
If samples will not be ready to send until Friday, you can refrigerate them at 4°C over the weekend and send overnight on Monday.

For submission of ENTIRE FETUS for research:

- 1) **Completed Contact and Consent Form.** Fetal specimens cannot be used for research until proper signed informed consent is obtained by a genetic counselor or an investigator of the Registry.
- 2) **Signed Fetal Dissection Consent Form** (If the family wishes to have the remains returned to a mortuary, they may specify so on this form. We charge \$50 for shipping the remains back.)
- 3) Fetal remains should be sent OVERNIGHT in a sterile container on wet ice or cold packs. We will complete x-rays and take the necessary specimens here.
- 4) Clinical summary/ultrasound reports
- 5) Cord Blood (2 Yellow and 2 Purple Top Tubes) if available

For submission of select FETAL TISSUES for research:

- 1) **Completed Contact and Consent Form.** Fetal specimens cannot be used for research until proper signed informed consent is obtained by a genetic counselor or investigator of the Registry.
- 2) X-rays - AP & lateral films of whole body or AP of POC
If possible, please be sure the following are visible: Skull (AP & lateral), Spine: cervical (lateral), thoracic (AP and lateral) and lumbar (AP and lateral); Pelvis and hips (AP); Chest (AP rib technique); Hands and wrists (AP); Long bones (AP); Feet and ankle (AP and lateral). If not, please take separate AP & lateral skull films and AP of both hands.
- 3) Tissue Specimens: Femur (including the femoral head); 3 ribs (including costochondral junction), and a skin sample. ALL specimens should be sent in a sterile container in sterile tissue culture medium on wet ice or cold packs.
- 4) Clinical summary/ultrasound reports
- 5) Cord Blood (2 Yellow and 2 Purple Top Tubes) if available