**EFFECTIVE: Immediately Updated: April, 2023**

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| **PURPOSE:** | To instruct PCCO staff on Retention of Organ and Tissue Specimens. |
| **SCOPE:** | This guideline applies to sworn PCCO personnel. |
| **GUIDELINE:** | 1. Specimens that are collected by the Forensic Pathologist at time of autopsy shall remain in the custody of the Pathologist. 2. Specimens from Donor Alliance or the Rocky Mountain Lyons Eye bank other than Heart slides shall be disposed of by these agencies unless family indicates otherwise. 3. Heart Slides shall be retained by this office in the event there was not an autopsy and by the Forensic Pathologist if there was an autopsy performed. 4. DNA specimens shall be returned to this office and retained in the appropriate method until final disposition of case. 5. When disposing of small tissue amounts place in Biohazard bin in the morgue. |
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