



Ross County Coroner's Organ and Tissue Retention Policy

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Purpose:

To maintain control and accountability of organs and/or tissue maintained for the purpose of testing to determine cause of death.

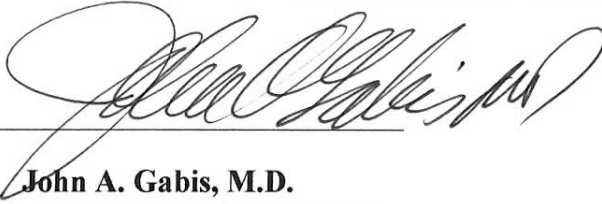
Clarifications:

1. This policy only applies to cases under the jurisdiction of the Ross County Coroner.
2. This policy does not apply to tissue slide samples used for histology.

Policy Language:

1. Only organs and tissue necessary for immediate or potential future testing to determine the cause of death will be retained.
2. The deputy coroner/pathologist or contracted pathologist will notify the coroner's investigator of such retention.
3. It will be the responsibility of the coroner's investigator to notify the deceased's next of kin of such retention.
4. The retained organs and/or tissue will be stored in a container marked predominately by the coroner case number and stored in an area away from public access.
5. Once the retained organ/s and/or tissue is no longer needed as part of the investigation, the retained organ/s and/or tissue will be returned to or disposed of as per wishes of the deceased's next of kin.

This policy has been approved and is effect until further notice:



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John A. Gabis, M.D.
Coroner, Ross County Ohio



A handwritten date '6/4/12' in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

Date