**Purpose**

To outline the procedure for obtaining X-rays on fetuses with suspected skeletal abnormalities received for fetal examination

**Materials**

* One (1) diaper
* One (1) large specimen bag
* One (1) specimen label
* One (1) requisition label
* One (1) “Diagnostic Imaging Test Order” form

**Procedure**

1. Call 6-0018 to arrange a time to bring the fetus to Radiology.
2. Fill out a “Diagnostic Imaging Test Order” form, located in the hanging folder organizer on the accessioning countertop in a folder labeled “Radiology.” A template is provided for reference. Fill out the patient information in the upper right corner or apply a requisition label.
3. Wrap the fetus in a diaper and place into a large specimen bag. If the fetus is fragmented, reconstruct the body parts as best you can. Attach a specimen label to the bag.
4. When it’s time, take the fetus and the completed “Diagnostic Imaging Test Order” form to Radiology, located on the 3rd floor of Mott Children’s Hospital in Room 641.
5. If the fetus is intact, obtain radiographs of the coronal and sagittal planes. If the fetus is highly fragmented, lay the body parts out in a way that communicates the most information and obtain a single radiograph.