

Table 7: Summary of Recommendations in Included Guidelines

Recommendations	Strength of Evidence and Recommendations
National Abortion Federation, 2018 ⁹	
<p><i>“13. EVALUATION OF EVACUATED UTERINE CONTENTS Policy Statement: Identification of appropriate products of conception (POC) following evacuation abortion procedures confirms termination of an intrauterine pregnancy.</i></p> <p><i>Standard 13.1. Termination of pregnancy must be confirmed prior to the patient leaving the facility or further evaluation must be initiated.</i></p> <p><i>Recommendation 13.1.1. Evacuated uterine contents should be examined before the patient leaves the facility.</i></p> <p><i>Recommendation 13.1.2. In first-trimester terminations, flotation of tissue should be used to identify products of conception, including gestational sac.</i></p> <p><i>Option 13.1.2.1. Backlighting of tissue may be useful.</i></p> <p><i>Option 13.1.2.2. Sending the evacuated uterine contents for additional pathological examination is not required.” P.52</i></p>	<p>The lack of requirement for sending the evacuated uterine contents for additional pathological examination was considered an “option” meaning that the statement is neutral with respect to a treatment choice and is a note that different interventions are available and that different practitioners may make different choices.</p>
Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada, 2018 ¹⁰	
<p><i>“Routine gross examination of the uterine contents should be performed immediately after induced abortion.</i></p> <p><i>Histopathological examination of products of conception must be performed when gestational trophoblastic neoplasia or ectopic pregnancy is suspected.” P. 753</i></p>	<p>Strong recommendation. Level of evidence: Very low.</p> <p>Strong recommendation. Level of evidence: Very low</p>