

Patient's medical record # _____ Patient's name _____
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**FACILITY WORKSHEET FOR THE REPORT OF FETAL DEATH**

*Complete this worksheet for pregnancies resulting in fetal death. The Model State Vital Statistics Act and Regulations recommend the following definition of fetal death. "Fetal death" means death prior to the complete expulsion or extraction from its mother of a production of human conception, irrespective of the duration of the pregnancy and which is not an induced termination of pregnancy. The death is indicated by the fact that after such expulsion or extraction, the fetus does not breathe or show any other evidence of life, such as beating of the heart, pulsation of the umbilical cord, or definite movement of voluntary muscles. Heart beats are to be distinguished from transient cardiac contractions; respirations are to be distinguished from fleeting respiratory efforts or gasps. For detailed definitions, instructions, information on sources, and common key words and abbreviations for many of the items included in the worksheet please see "The Guide to Completing Facility Worksheets for the Certificate of Live Birth."*

**1. Facility name:\*** \_\_\_\_\_  
(If not institution, give street and number)

**2. Facility I.D. (National Provider Identifier):** \_\_\_\_\_

**3. City, Town or Location of delivery:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**4. County of delivery:** \_\_\_\_\_

**5. Place of delivery:**

- Hospital
- Freestanding birthing center (Freestanding birthing center is defined as one which has no direct physical connection with an operative delivery center.)
- Home delivery
  - Planned to deliver at home     Yes             No
- Clinic/Doctor's Office
- Other (Specify, e.g., taxi cab, train, plane, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

\*Facilities may wish to have pre-set responses (hard-copy and/or electronic) to questions 1-5 for deaths which occur at their institutions.

**Prenatal**

**Sources: Prenatal care records, patient's medical records, labor and delivery records**

**Information for the following items should come from the patient's prenatal care records and from other medical reports in the patient's chart. If the patient's prenatal care record is not in her hospital chart, please contact her prenatal care provider to obtain the record, or a copy of the prenatal care information. Preferred and acceptable sources are given before each section. Please do not provide information from sources other than those listed.**

**6. Date of first prenatal care visit** (Prenatal care begins when a physician or other health professional first examines and/or counsels the pregnant woman as part of an ongoing program of care for the pregnancy):

\_\_\_\_\_  
M M D D Y Y Y Y

**No prenatal care** (The mother did not receive prenatal care at any time during the pregnancy. If this box is checked skip 6(b))

**7. Date last normal menses began:** \_\_\_\_\_  
M M D D Y Y Y Y

**8. Number of previous live births now living** (For multiple deliveries, includes live born infants born before this fetus in the multiple set.):

\_\_\_\_\_ Number  None

**9. Number of previous live births now dead** (For multiple deliveries, includes live born infants born before this fetus in the multiple set who subsequently died):

\_\_\_\_\_ Number  None

**10. Date of last live birth:** \_\_\_\_\_  
M M D D Y Y Y Y

**11. Risk factors in this pregnancy** (Check all that apply):

**Diabetes** - (Glucose intolerance requiring treatment)

- Prepregnancy** - (Diagnosis prior to this pregnancy)
- Gestational** - (Diagnosis in this pregnancy)

**Hypertension** - (Elevation of blood pressure above normal for age, gender, and physiological condition.)

- Prepregnancy** - (Chronic) (Elevation of blood pressure above normal for age, gender, and physiological condition diagnosed prior to the onset of this pregnancy)
- Gestational** - (PIH, preeclampsia) (Elevation of blood pressure above normal for age, gender, and physiological condition diagnosed during this pregnancy. May include proteinuria (protein in the urine) without seizures or coma and pathologic edema (generalized swelling, including swelling of the hands, legs and face).)
- Eclampsia** - (Pregnancy induced hypertension with proteinuria with generalized seizures or coma. May include pathologic edema)

- Pregnancy resulted from infertility treatment** - Any assisted reproduction technique used to initiate the pregnancy. Includes fertility-enhancing drugs (e.g., Clomid, Pergonal), artificial insemination, or intrauterine insemination and assisted reproduction technology (ART) procedures (e.g., IVF, GIFT and ZIFT).

**If Yes, check all that apply:**

- Fertility-enhancing drugs, artificial insemination or intrauterine insemination** - Any fertility-enhancing drugs (e.g., Clomid, Pergonal), artificial insemination, or intrauterine insemination used to initiate the pregnancy.
- Assisted reproductive technology** - Any assisted reproduction technology (ART)/technical procedures (e.g., in vitro fertilization (IVF), gamete intrafallopian transfer (GIFT), ZIFT) used to initiate the pregnancy.

- Patient had a previous cesarean delivery** - (Previous operative delivery by extraction of the fetus, placenta and membranes through an incision in the maternal abdominal and uterine walls.)

If Yes, how many \_\_\_\_\_

None of the above

**Labor and Delivery**  
**Sources: Labor and delivery records, patient's medical records**

12. Date of delivery: \_\_\_\_\_  
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13. Time of delivery: \_\_\_\_\_ 24 hour clock

14. Name and title of person completing report:  
(May be, but need not be, the same as the attendant at delivery.)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Date report completed: \_\_\_\_\_  
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16. Attendant's name, title, and N.P.I. (National Provider Identifier) (The attendant at delivery is the individual physically present at the delivery who is responsible for the delivery. For example, if an intern or nurse-midwife delivers a fetus under the supervision of an obstetrician who is present in the delivery room, the obstetrician is to be reported as the attendant):

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\_\_\_\_\_

Attendant's name

N.P.I.

Attendant's title:

- M.D.
- D.O.
- CNM/CM - (Certified Nurse Midwife/Certified Midwife)
- Other Midwife - (Midwife other than CNM/CM)
- Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

17. Method of delivery (The physical process by which the complete delivery was effected)  
(Complete A and B):

A. Fetal presentation at delivery (Check one):

- Cephalic – (Presenting part of the fetus listed as vertex, occiput anterior (OA), occiput posterior (OP))
- Breech – (Presenting part of the fetus listed as breech, complete breech, frank breech, footling breech)
- Other – (Any presentation not listed above)

B. Final route and method of delivery (Check one):

- Vaginal/Spontaneous – (Delivery of the entire fetus through the vagina by the natural force of labor with or without manual assistance from the delivery attendant.)
- Vaginal/Forceps - (Delivery of the fetal head through the vagina by application of obstetrical forceps to the fetal head.)
- Vaginal/Vacuum - (Delivery of the fetal head through the vagina by application of a vacuum cup or ventouse to the fetal head.)
- Cesarean - (Extraction of the fetus, placenta and membranes through an incision in the maternal abdominal and uterine walls)  
If cesarean, was a trial of labor attempted? - (Labor was allowed, augmented or induced with plans for a vaginal delivery.)
  - Yes
  - No

18. Maternal morbidity (Serious complications experienced by the patient associated with labor and delivery)

(Check all that apply):

- Ruptured uterus - (Tearing of the uterine wall.)
- Admission to intensive care unit - (Any admission of the mother to a facility/unit designated as providing intensive care.)
- None of the above

19. Weight of fetus: \_\_\_\_\_(grams) (Do not convert lb/oz to grams)

If weight in grams is not available, weight of fetus: \_\_\_\_\_(lb/oz)

20. Obstetric estimate of gestation at delivery (completed weeks): \_\_\_\_\_

(The delivery attendant's final estimate of gestation based on all perinatal factors and assessments. Do not compute based on date of the last menstrual period and the date of delivery.)

21. Sex (Male, Female, or Unknown): \_\_\_\_\_

22. Plurality (Specify 1 (single), 2 (twin), 3 (triplet), 4 (quadruplet), 5 (quintuplet), 6 (sextuplet), 7 (septuplet), etc.)

(Include all live births and fetal losses resulting from this pregnancy.): \_\_\_\_\_

23. If not single delivery, order delivered in the pregnancy (specify 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, etc.) (Include all live births and fetal losses resulting from this pregnancy): \_\_\_\_\_

24. If not single delivery, specify number of fetal losses in this delivery: \_\_\_\_\_

25. Method of Disposition

- Burial
- Cremation
- Hospital Disposition
- Donation
- Removal from State
- Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

## Cause-of-Death Section

### **Causes/Conditions Contributing to Fetal Death**

Previous questions collected details on anomalies, morbidities, and risk factors known to be present for this patient and the fetus. The purpose of the next section is to get a description of those conditions that, in your opinion, contributed to the fetal death. Please report any condition judged to be a cause of death even if it has been reported elsewhere on the worksheet.

### **26. Initiating Cause/Condition**

**Among the choices below, please select the ONE which most likely began the sequence of events resulting in the death of the fetus. If it is not clear to you where to report a condition, write it on the “(Specify)” line that seems most appropriate.**

<p>Maternal Conditions/Diseases (Specify)_____</p>
<p>Complications of Placenta, Cord or Membranes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Rupture of membranes prior to onset of labor</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Abruptio placenta</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Placental insufficiency</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Prolapsed cord</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Chorioamnionitis</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)_____</li></ul>
<p>Other Obstetrical or Pregnancy Complications (Specify)_____</p>
<p>Fetal Anomaly (Specify)_____</p>
<p>Fetal Injury (Specify)_____</p>
<p>Fetal Infection (Specify)_____</p>
<p>Other Fetal Conditions/Disorders (Specify)_____</p>
<p><input type="checkbox"/> Unknown</p>

**27. Other Significant Causes or Conditions**

**Select or Specify All Other Conditions Contributing to Death in Item 34.**

Maternal Conditions/Diseases

(Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Complications of Placenta, Cord or Membranes

- Rupture of membranes prior to onset of labor
- Abruptio placenta
- Placental insufficiency
- Prolapsed cord
- Chorioamnionitis
- Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Other Obstetrical or Pregnancy Complications (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Fetal Anomaly (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Fetal Injury (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Fetal Infection (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Other Fetal Conditions/Disorders

(Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Unknown

**28. Was an autopsy performed?**

- Yes    No    Planned

**29. Was a histological placental examination performed?**

- Yes    No    Planned

**30. Were autopsy or histological placental examination results used in determining the cause of fetal death?**

- Yes    No

**31. Estimated time of fetal death**

- Dead at time of first assessment, no labor ongoing
- Dead at time of first assessment, labor ongoing
- Died during labor, after first assessment
- Unknown time of fetal death