

Physician Check List Unexplained Perinatal Death

Date	Time		Initials
		1. Notify Resolve Through Sharing (RTS) Bereavement Services once the diagnosis of stillbirth/fetal loss is made, ext. 8046.	
		2. Notify pathology that there has been a pregnancy loss.	
		3. If clinical genetics consult desired, notify the genetic counselor at 575-8160 work hours (969-0093 during non-work hours)	
		4. At time of admission, explain/discuss all aspects of stillbirth, delivery and physiologic changes with mother and support people. Notify them of the availability of genetic counseling and briefly discuss autopsy.	
		5. At time of admission, order appropriate lab studies (appendix I) and fill out perinatal history form (appendix II).	
		6. Treat delivery of stillborn as a normal birth (anesthetic options, etc.)	
		7. After delivery, examine the baby/placenta for gross anomalies and briefly discuss with the family. Discuss/encourage autopsy (both fetus and placenta).	
		8. Arrange for examination of the fetus. This can be done by the delivering physician or the genetic counselor, who will fill out the Fetal Exam Form (appendix III). Genetic counselor contacted: _____	
		9. Prior to discharge, review study results to date, answer family questions, etc.	
		10. Consider MCH-PHN referral, 575-8160	
		11. Arrange a family conference in the office at a time when all information is back. It may be appropriate to involve genetic counselor in this meeting.	

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Signature

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