



**HIST.MORG.2060 - Requesting Pediatric/Stillborn Autopsies from Red Deer Hospital
(Central and North Zone)**

1. APPLICABILITY

This document applies to all Laboratory personnel of the Central and North Zone, Red Deer Pathology Department.

2. PURPOSE

This document describes the process/procedure for Central and North Zone sites to request a pediatric or stillborn autopsy.

NOTE: Central Zone is responsible for North Zone. This process/procedure is applicable to any request coming from a North Zone site.

3. PROCEDURE

Any assistance or questions can be forwarded to Pathology staff at the Red Deer Hospital 403-343-4729.

Step	Action	Notes
1	Complete both sides of the AHS Consent for Autopsy form. https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/frm-20597.pdf	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Label the consent form with both mother's demographic label and baby's demographic label. Place both on the top right hand side of both pages of the consent form.
2	Fax the completed Consent for Autopsy form to 403-358-4307.	
3	Call 403-343-4729 to inform pathology staff that Consent for Autopsy form was faxed. Leaving a voicemail message is sufficient.	
4	Once the autopsy consent has been reviewed by Red Deer Hospital Pathology staff, they will call you to let you know if anything else is needed or if anything needs to be clarified.	Once this has been completed staff will indicate at this time that baby can be transported to Red Deer Hospital. Do not send until there is confirmation.

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5	<p>COPIES of the following documentation needs to come with the baby: (If not available in Connect Care).</p> <p>The ORIGINAL Consent Form must come with the baby.</p> <p>The ORIGINAL Burial Consent must come with the baby if is for Hospital Burial and over 20 weeks.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration of Stillbirth (if applicable) • Medical Certificate of Stillbirth (if applicable) • Physicians Notice of Live birth or Stillbirth • Registration of Birth (if live birth) • Registration of Death (if live birth) • Medical Certificate of Death (if live birth) • The ORIGINAL Burial Permit(if applicable) • Burial Consent for stillbirth and neonatal (if applicable) • Patient Care Records, including: (If not available in Connect Care) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ultrasound reports • Prenatal records for current pregnancy • Labor and delivery records • Mother’s hospital chart for current admission • Infant’s hospital chart (if livebirth) • Relevant laboratory investigations (if performed), including: maternal type and screen, maternal serology, maternal serum screen, cytologic testing, gestational diabetes screen, group B strep screen, Kleihauer-Betke test, hemoglobin A1C, TORCH screen, hemophilia workup • The ORIGINAL autopsy consent form
6	<p>Send the placenta in formalin, Baby should NOT be sent in Formalin.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any testing (cytogenetics, microbiology, stillbirth protocol) the attending wants done on fresh placenta must be collected at delivery and processed through the lab there. • Order Placenta in Connect Care (if available) • Label placenta with the Mother’s Patient demographic label. • Complete an Anatomical Pathology Requisition for the placenta.(Non Connect Care)
7	<p>A live/stillborn baby is labelled with the baby’s demographics label on both the outer packaging and directly on the baby. It is also helpful if an additional label is placed on the outer package stating Baby of (mom’s name and ULI #).</p> <p>For the little ones, a wrist band which includes the demographics; placed around the abdominal area works well.</p>	
8	<p>Sending lab must order an Autopsy Transport Test in Connect Care (if available)</p>	<p>Scan Autopsy Transport label to put onto a packing list with the placenta, send packing list with the baby and placenta.</p>
9	<p>Transport to/from Red Deer Hospital is arranged and is at the expense of the originating site.</p>	

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10	Upon arrival at the Red Deer Hospital, the transport driver will go to Emergency, Admitting staff will contact security to accompany them to the morgue to sign in the baby and placenta.	
11	Once the autopsy is complete, Autopsy staff will call admitting to release the baby.	
12	Admitting will then call whoever is transporting the baby back.	If baby is staying for Hospital Burial lab staff will prepare baby for burial.
13	When the transporting party arrives, they will go to admitting to have security release the baby back to them.	

4. REFERENCES

- N/A