# Requesting Pediatric/Stillborn Autopsies from Red Deer Hospital (Central and North Zone)

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

## 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.

## Procedure

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<td>1.</td>
<td>Complete AHS Consent for Autopsy form.</td>
<td>• Label the consent form with the Mother’s Patient Demographic label on both pages. Write “Baby of” above the Mother’s label.</td>
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<td>Once the consent form is completed, contact the Red Deer autopsy staff by calling 403-314-6098, to inform them that the consent form is going to be faxed. Leaving a message is sufficient.</td>
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<td>Fax both sides of the autopsy consent form to Pathology staff at 403-343-4877.</td>
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<td>5.</td>
<td>Once the autopsy consent has been reviewed by Red Deer Hospital autopsy staff; they will call you to let you know if anything else is needed or if anything needs to be clarified.</td>
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| 6. | **COPIES** of the following documentation needs to come with the baby: | • Registration of Stillbirth  
  • Medical Certificate of Stillbirth  
  • 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)  
  • Disposition of Remains  
  • Patient Care Records, including:  
    • 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 |
7. Send the placenta in formalin.  
   - Any testing (cytogenetics, microbiology, stillbirth protocol) the attending wants done on fresh placenta must be collected at delivery and processed through the lab there.
   - Label placenta with the Mother’s Patient demographic label. Indicate specimen site on the label (placenta).
   - Complete an Anatomical Pathology Requisition for the placenta.

8. A live born 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 #).

9. A stillborn baby is labelled with the Mother’s demographic label and the additional comment “baby of” included. Again labelling is necessary on outer packaging and directly on baby. For the little ones, a wrist band which includes the demographics, placed around the abdominal area works well.

10. Transport to/from Red Deer Hospital is arranged and is at the expense of the originating site.

11. Upon arrival at the Red Deer Hospital, the transport driver will go to Emergency Admitting to register the baby. Emergency Admitting staff will contact security to accompany them to the morgue to sign in the baby and placenta.

12. Once the autopsy is complete, we will call admitting to release the baby. Admitting will then call whoever is transporting the baby back, so please provide a contact name and number for whomever is picking the baby up.

13. When the transporting party arrives, they will go to admitting to have security release the baby back to them.

Procedural Notes
- Any assistance or questions can be forwarded to Linda Southern at the Red Deer Hospital 403-314-6098.

References
- N/A

Related Documents
- N/A