

Clinician's guide to documentation for a perinatal post-mortem

Each case received by Perinatal Pathology must be accompanied by all appropriate and relevant documentation before any form of examination or cremation can take place.

| Case type | REQUIREMENTS | | | |
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| | Medical certificate | Post-mortem examination | KEMH cremation | Mementos |
| Fetus of less than 20 weeks gestation AND Any specimen with recognisable fetal parts | NIL required by law | NCC Form 1 –Consent for Post-mortem Examination (Non-Coronial) AND NCC Form 2A clinical information Miscarriages, Fetal Death or Stillbirth OR Products of Conception where examination of the body is not required, PathWest Pathology Request Form | NCC Form 3 – PathWest Perinatal Pathology Consent for Cremation and mementos Miscarried or Stillborn Only Less than 28 Weeks Gestation | NCC Form 3 – PathWest Perinatal Pathology Consent for Cremation and Mementos Miscarried or Stillborn Only Less than 28 Weeks Gestation OR NCC Form 4 – PathWest Perinatal Pathology Consent for Mementos (Babies for private Burial / Cremation) |
| Stillborn babies greater than 20 weeks AND Less than 28 weeks gestation | BDM201 – Medical Certificate of Cause of Stillbirth OR Neonatal Death AND Form 7 – Certificate of Medical Practitioner | NCC Form 1 –Consent for Post-mortem Examination (Non-Coronial) AND NCC Form 2A clinical information Miscarriages, Fetal Death or Stillbirth | NCC Form 3 – PathWest Perinatal Pathology Consent for Cremation and mementos Miscarried or Stillborn Only Less than 28 Weeks Gestation | NCC Form 3 – PathWest Perinatal Pathology Consent for Cremation and Mementos Miscarried or Stillborn Only Less than 28 Weeks Gestation OR NCC Form 4 – PathWest Perinatal Pathology Consent for Mementos (Babies for private Burial / Cremation) |
| Babies of equal to or greater than 28 weeks gestation OR Babies of any gestation where extra uterine life is detected (up to 28 days of life) | BDM201 – Medical Certificate of Cause of Stillbirth OR Neonatal Death AND Form 7 – Certificate of Medical Practitioner | NCC Form 1 –Consent for Post-mortem Examination (Non-Coronial) AND NCC Form 2A clinical information Miscarriages, Fetal Death or Stillbirth OR NCC Form 2B clinical information Up to 28 days of life or infants | OPTION NOT AVAILABLE Funeral must be arranged with a registered Funeral Director | NCC Form 4 – PathWest Perinatal Pathology Consent for Mementos (Babies for private Burial / Cremation) |