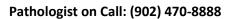
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CHECKLIST FOR IWK FETAL OR NEONATAL AUTOPSY ORIGINATING FROM NOVA SCOTIA HOSPITALS

□ Labour & Delivery staff (or Pathology staff) to **contact IWK Pathologist on-call** via IWK Switchboard (902-470-8888) to inform of request for autopsy from an outside hospital.

- □ **Consent for Post-Mortem Examination (Autopsy)** form completed and signed by parent (or appropriate substitute decision-maker) and attending physician (see attached).
- Request for Placenta Examination (if applicable; see attached).
- Disposition of Remains form to direct disposition or release of remains (see attached).
- □ **Photocopy of relevant clinical chart** (for example: prenatal and delivery records, ultrasound reports, and other relevant clinical information).
- □ Vital Statistics paperwork for death or stillbirth (not required if <20 weeks gestational age).

SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS

- □ **Labels:** body, placenta, other specimen(s), and accompanying documents must each be appropriately labelled with two unique identifiers and patient demographics.
- □ **Body:** shrouded/wrapped and transported cooled/refrigerated (ex. cooler, ice packs, cooled transport) within 24 hours of demise.
- □ Placenta (if applicable): either in formalin or cooled/refrigerated in a separate container.
- □ Upon arrival to IWK, transport personnel should report to IWK Protection Services at (902) 470-7070. Deliveries can be accepted 24/7.

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CHANGES FROM PREVIOUS PROCESS

- Our forms have been updated and simplified. Older versions of these documents and this package can be discarded.
- A separate genetics requisition and sample are not required. The pathologist will order aneuploidy screening and/or further genetic testing as clinically indicated.

QUESTIONS

- Clinical questions or questions about the consent process can be referred to the pathologist on-call 24/7 via the IWK Switchboard (902) 470-8888.
- Questions about transport, logistics, paperwork, or other general inquiries can be made to IWK autopsy staff during weekdays at (902) 470-8285.

