



STANDARD ORDERS
Fetal Neonatal Death
 (Any signs of life – heartbeat,
 breath or twitch, regardless of
 gestational age or weight)

NB: These orders are to be used as a guideline and do not replace sound clinical judgement and professional practice standards.

■ Indicates Standard orders. If not in agreement with an order, cross out and initial. □ Requires a check for activation.

INVESTIGATIONS

GENERAL ORDERS

DATE:

TIME:

Obtain cord or cardiac blood

- CBC
- RH & ABO
- Direct Antiglobulin
- Blood Cultures
- Chromosomal/Genetic Analysis – collect 3-5 cc’s in a heparin (NaHep) vacutainer *or* 1-centimeter square placental piece in a sterile medium with no formalin (transport immediately to the lab)

Swabs

- Swab both nares with one swab for Group B Streptococcus
- Swab fetal (smooth) side of placenta for anaerobes and aerobes

Pathology

- Autopsy
 - Notification of Death
 - Obtain Consent for Autopsy
 - Complete Necropsy Clinical Data
- Placental Examination
 - Complete the Pathology Services Request for Placental Examination

- Complete Registration of Birth
- Complete Registration of Death
- Complete Notification of Death
- Obtain Authorization for Release Pathology Specimens if family requesting remains and/or placenta and attach to Request for Placental Examination
- Complete Newborn Assessment on Newborn Care Map
- Obtain keepsakes, if appropriate and with parental wishes

Note: Burial permit is required if the parents desire to take the remains home. This can be obtained through a funeral home or other authorized parties.

PHYSICIAN / MIDWIFE
SIGNATURE _____

PHYSICIAN / MIDWIFE
PRINTED NAME _____

ORDER TRANSCRIBED DATE: _____ TIME: _____ INITIAL: _____