

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			
	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)