

Fetal Death Screening Tool

Purpose: To facilitate the review process of fetal deaths by the local FICMMR coordinator.

Process:

1. Local FICMMR coordinator will receive notice of fetal death Vital Statistics monthly Death List.
2. Fetal death certificates will be sent from State FICMMR Coordinator to Local FICMMR Coordinator. Death certificates from the county clerk may not contain the complete medical information.
3. Local FICMMR Coordinator will screen all fetal deaths that occur to county residents using the Fetal Death Screening Tool (attached). Then, based on screening results, Local FICMMR Coordinator would determine whether findings indicated need for complete FICMMR review. This determination would be done on a case-by-case basis and at the professional discretion of the Local FICMMR Coordinator.
4. For complete fetal death reviews, counties where FICMMR team members do not have obstetric or neonatal experience may want to partner with counties where obstetric and neonatal professionals are FICMMR team members. The screening tool will help identify major risk factors (both modifiable and non-modifiable) for preterm birth.
5. It is recommended that a complete FICMMR review (with the entire team) take place in deaths with any one of the following risk factors:
 - a. maternal smoking during pregnancy
 - b. maternal use of alcohol or illicit drugs during pregnancy
 - c. history of preterm delivery
 - d. late or no prenatal care
 - e. maternal pre-existing chronic conditions (hypertension, diabetes or obesity)
 - f. if after using screening tool the Local FICMMR Coordinator feels a full review is warranted due to lack of information or presence of risk factors

In these cases a complete FICMMR review should help to determine whether interventions/services are present in the community to help reduce these risk factors. This can lead to discussion on prevention efforts at the local level, which is a major goal of FICMMR. Complete case review of fetal deaths need to be entered into the Child Death Review System (CDR).

If a full fetal review is not needed, submit Fetal Screening Tool to the Department by mail, email, or fax.

Definition of Terms

Fetal Death--stillborn birth of fetus weighing at least 350 grams or if weight is not known has reached 20 weeks gestation.

Illicit Drug use-- Maternal use of illicit drugs or any prescription-type psychotherapeutic (such as stimulants, sedatives, tranquilizers, and pain relievers) used non-medically during pregnancy.

Fetal Death Screening—Local FICMMR coordinator will use the Fetal Death Screening Tool to screen all fetal deaths. Following the completion of the screening, the Local FICMMR Coordinator will determine the need to take the review on to the local team for a complete FICMMR review.

Complete FICMMR Review—the review of a death by the local multidisciplinary FICMMR team using the complete FICMMR review tool.

Late Entry to Prenatal Care—maternal entry to prenatal care occurred after 12 completed weeks of pregnancy.

FETAL DEATH SCREENING TOOL

Date of Death: _____
MM DD YYYY

Death Certificate Number: _____

County of Maternal Residence: _____ County of Death: _____

<i>Environmental Factors-Maternal</i>	<u>Please circle best answer</u>		
1. Mother smoked/used tobacco products during pregnancy	Yes	No	Unknown
2. Non-smoking mother exposed to second hand cigarette smoke during pregnancy	Yes	No	Unknown
3. Maternal use of illicit drugs or any prescription-type psychotherapeutic medication used non-medically during pregnancy	Yes	No	Unknown
4. Maternal use of alcohol during pregnancy	Yes	No	Unknown
5. Homeless during pregnancy	Yes	No	Unknown
6. Mother experienced domestic violence during pregnancy	Yes	No	Unknown
<i>Prenatal or Maternal Medical History</i>			
1. Maternal history of previous preterm delivery	Yes	No	Unknown
2. Maternal history of difficulty conceiving	Yes	No	Unknown
3. Maternal history of previous fetal loss	Yes	No	Unknown
4. Was labor induced in this pregnancy?	Yes	No	Unknown
5. Was this a C-section delivery?	Yes	No	Unknown
6. Late entry or no prenatal care?	Yes	No	Unknown
7. Maternal hypertension before pregnancy (chronic hypertension)	Yes	No	Unknown
8. Pregnancy induced maternal hypertension	Yes	No	Unknown
9. Maternal diabetes before pregnancy	Yes	No	Unknown
10. Developed gestational diabetes with this pregnancy	Yes	No	Unknown
11. Maternal obesity	Yes	No	Unknown
12. Maternal age <19 or >35	Yes	No	Unknown
<i>Pregnancy Outcome</i>			
1. Multiple birth	Yes	No	Unknown
2. Congenital Anomaly not compatible with life	Yes	No	Unknown
3. Placental or cord problems	Yes	No	Unknown
4. Fetal gestational age 20-24 weeks	Yes	No	
5. Fetal gestational age 25-31	Yes	No	
6. Fetal gestational age 32-37	Yes	No	
7. Fetal gestational age >37 weeks	Yes	No	

Complete FICMMR team review indicated? Yes No

Note: A complete review is recommended if the answer to any of the bolded items is "Yes."