

**CLINICAL EXAMINATION OF STILLBORN INFANT**

[Clinical description is often critical in the etiologic evaluation of stillborns. Yet it is often given less attention than it deserves in most formal postmortem evaluations. This is a suggested, simple and relatively non-jargon filled outline for such a clinical evaluation; it also includes space to provide brief notation of relevant prenatal, perinatal and family history.]

**I. General Information**

Date\_\_\_\_\_

Baby's Name\_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name\_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name\_\_\_\_\_

Parents' Address\_\_\_\_\_

Hospital\_\_\_\_\_

Attending Physician\_\_\_\_\_

Person performing this evaluation\_\_\_\_\_

**II. Brief History**

Prior Pregnancy History: maternal age\_\_\_\_\_

Pregnancies\_\_\_\_Deliveries\_\_\_\_ Liveborn\_\_\_\_ Spont. Ab. \_\_\_\_ Ind. Ab.\_\_\_\_ Prior Stillborns\_\_\_\_

Relevant maternal history and health [e.g. diabetes, hypertension, thyroid disease, etc.]\_\_\_\_\_

Significant problems in this pregnancy\_\_\_\_\_

Relevant family history [if not supplied in other records] \_\_\_\_\_

**III. General Data on Baby**

Gestational age:\_\_\_\_\_weeks; How determined -- dates ultrasound clinical exam other

- Degree of Maceration:
- \_\_\_\_ Fresh; no skin peeling
  - \_\_\_\_ Slight; focal minimal skin slippage
  - \_\_\_\_ Mild; some skin sloughing, moderate skin slippage
  - \_\_\_\_ Moderate; much skin sloughing but no secondary compression or decomposition
  - \_\_\_\_ Marked, advanced (compression, decomposition)



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**Ears --**

normal\_\_\_\_; abnormal in form\_\_\_\_; *if abnormal* describe or draw --

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

lowset\_\_\_\_; posteriorly rotated\_\_\_\_;  
preauricular tags\_\_\_\_; preauricular pits\_\_\_\_

other\_\_\_\_\_

**VI. Neck**

normal\_\_\_\_; short\_\_\_\_; excess or redundant skin\_\_\_\_;  
cystic mass [hygroma]\_\_\_\_

other\_\_\_\_\_

**VII. Chest**

normal\_\_\_\_; asymmetric\_\_\_\_; small and constricted\_\_\_\_; barrelled\_\_\_\_

other\_\_\_\_\_

**VIII. Abdomen**

normal\_\_\_\_; flattened\_\_\_\_; distended\_\_\_\_;  
wall defects\_\_\_\_ [omphalocele\_\_\_\_; gastroschisis\_\_\_\_; hernia\_\_\_\_]  
umbilical cord -- number of vessels\_\_\_\_ clinical abnormality [*describe*]

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

other\_\_\_\_\_

**IX. Back**

normal\_\_\_\_; spina bifida\_\_\_\_ [level of defect\_\_\_\_];  
scoliosis\_\_\_\_; kyphosis\_\_\_\_

other\_\_\_\_\_

**X. Limbs**

length: normal\_\_\_\_; short\_\_\_\_; long\_\_\_\_  
if short, what segment(s) seem short\_\_\_\_\_

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form: normal\_\_\_\_; asymmetric\_\_\_\_; have missing parts\_\_\_\_  
describe any asymmetry or missing parts\_\_\_\_\_

position: normal\_\_\_\_; clubfoot\_\_\_\_; other positional abnormality\_\_\_\_  
describe if abnormal\_\_\_\_\_

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**Xa. Hands**

normal appearing\_\_\_\_; abnormal\_\_\_\_ if abnormal, describe\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

fingers -- numbers present \_\_\_\_+\_\_\_\_ [*if not 5+5, describe*\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_]  
unusual form of fingers \_\_\_\_; describe\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

unusual position of fingers\_\_\_\_; describe\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

abnormal webbing or syndactyly\_\_\_\_; describe\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Xb. Feet**

normal appearing\_\_\_\_; abnormal\_\_\_\_ *if abnormal, describe* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

toes -- numbers present\_\_\_\_+\_\_\_\_ [*if not 5+5, describe*\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_]  
abnormal spacing of toes\_\_\_\_; describe\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**XI. Genitalia**

Anus -- normal\_\_\_\_; imperforate\_\_\_\_; other\_\_\_\_\_

Male -- penis -- normal\_\_\_\_; very small\_\_\_\_  
hypospadias\_\_\_\_ [*level of opening*\_\_\_\_\_]; chordee\_\_\_\_  
other\_\_\_\_\_

scrotum -- normal\_\_\_\_; abnormal\_\_\_\_  
[*describe*\_\_\_\_\_]

testes -- descended\_\_\_\_; undescended\_\_\_\_

other\_\_\_\_\_

Female -- urethral opening -- present\_\_\_\_; absent/unidentifiable\_\_\_\_

vaginal introitus -- present\_\_\_\_; absent\_\_\_\_

clitoris -- normal\_\_\_\_; enlarged\_\_\_\_; unidentifiable\_\_\_\_

other \_\_\_\_\_

Ambiguous\_\_\_\_; Describe\_\_\_\_\_

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