

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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IV. Measurements

Crown-heel [stretched] _____ Weight _____ Head Circumference _____

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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_____

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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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_____
