

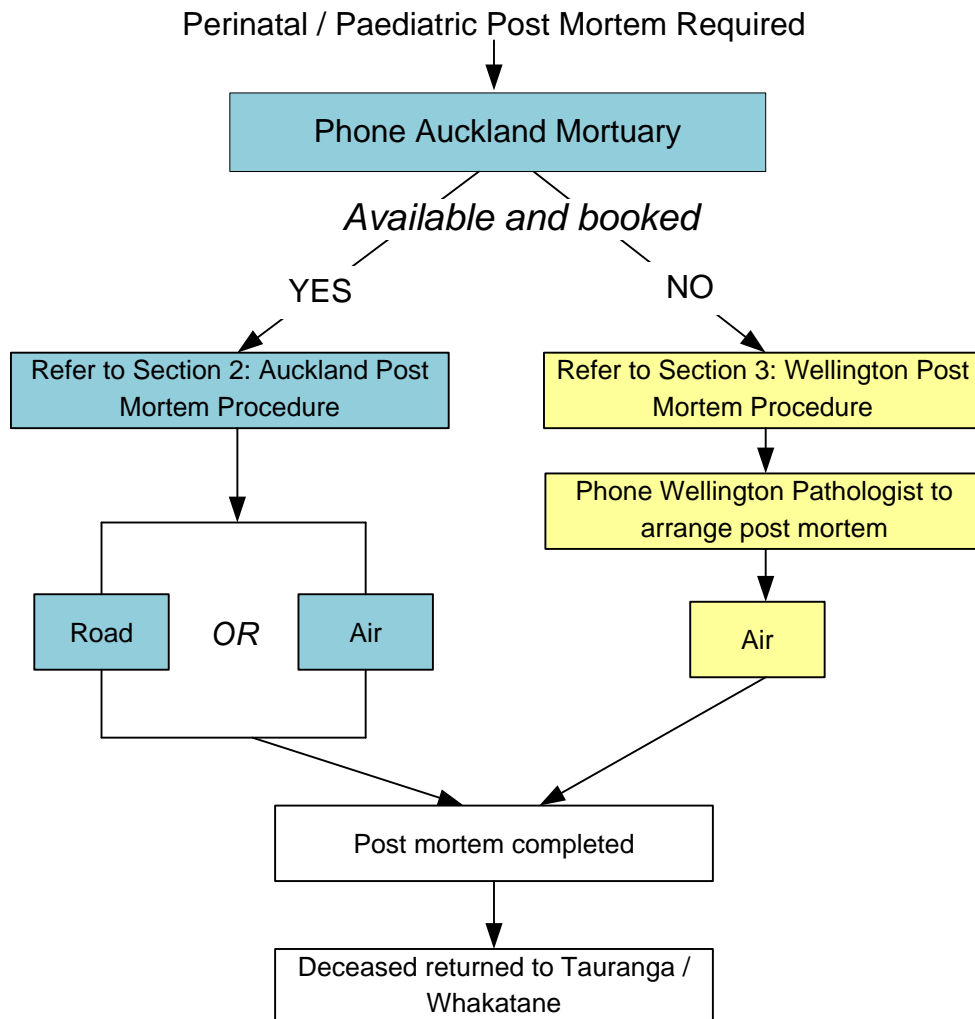
OBJECTIVE

To determine the cause of intrauterine death, recurrent miscarriage and infant death, perinatal post mortems will be conducted in Auckland Hospital (or Wellington Hospital if Auckland unable to complete) on a case by case basis at the discretion of the O&G or Paediatric consultant.

The O&G service will be responsible for organising of the PM on those babies who die in utero / are still born or die in the immediate post natal period as a consequence of factors that relate to the pregnancy / delivery. There after the responsibility lies with the paediatric team to organise the PM (some of these deaths will be a coronial case and require notification to the Coroner, who may wish that the PM be done in Wellington if possible).

STANDARDS TO BE MET

1. Decision Making Overview



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2. Auckland Post Mortem Procedure

Stage	Description	Responsibility Of	
		Perinatal - 20 weeks gestation up to delivery / still births	Paediatric- From birth
1. Planning			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contact John Russell, Technical Head, Forensic Pathology Department, LabPLUS and LabPLUS Mortuary Facility, Auckland City Hospital. Mob 021 667595 or 0800 LABPLUS or 0800 522 7587 ext 23056 	Registered Midwife (RM) or Registrar or Consultant	Registrar or Consultant
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> When the decision regarding post mortem has been made, a liaison person is required to provide guidance and emotional support to the family. 	RM or Registered Nurse (RN) to contact Duty Manager (DM) early to get their involvement. NB: support person ideally should not be primary nurse	RN to contact DM early to get their involvement. NB: support person ideally should not be primary nurse
TGA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arrange flights for transportation of baby and placenta by ringing Air NZ National Cargo -0800 737737 / select Option 2 0800 until 1730 hours Monday to Friday. After hours or weekends, please phone Tauranga Airport: 575 3666 for bookings and to notify them the nature of the freight. 	Ambulance Co-ordinator 0800 -1630 hours Mon-Fri or DM after hours	Ambulance Co-ordinator 0800 -1630 hours Mon-Fri or DM after hours
WHK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ring 0800 737737 to confirm a booking. Baby may need to be transported to Tauranga / Rotorua Airport to facilitate suitable flight times. 	DM	DM
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BOPDHB has an account for services 7003194 A minimum of six (6) hours between the ETA and ETD must be allowed for the transportation and post mortem Confirm with Russell, flight numbers, times and baby's name. 	RM or RN or DM	RN or DM
TGA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contact Funeral Director and arrange for the transportation of the baby to / from Tauranga airport by Jones and Co funeral directors.578 4009. They need to deliver the baby one (1) hour before the flight. 	RM or RN or DM	RN or DM

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		Perinatal - 20 weeks gestation up to delivery / still births	Paediatric- From birth
WHK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contact Funeral Director and arrange for the transportation of the baby to / from appropriate airport by Brent Willetts Funeral Services Ltd on 073071111. They need to deliver the baby one (1) hour before the flight. 	RM or RN or DM	RN or DM
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contact Auckland Bereavement Services Phone: 027 221 9400 Fax: 09 948 4210 BOPDHB has an account for services 	RM or RN or DM	RN or DM
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If no suitable flights are available arrange road transportation via the contracted Funeral Director above 		
2. Storage of baby and placenta			
	If there are significant delays or the parents choose not to spend time with the baby, the baby needs to go to the Tauranga Body Storage Facility or Whakatane Funeral Directors. Store in fridge - DO NOT STORE IN FREEZER	RM or RN or DM	RN or DM
3. Preparation for Transportation			
	Baby and placenta are to be sealed separately in double plastic bags (heat sealed if possible).	RM or RN	RN
	If placenta has been fixed in formalin, this must be drained off completely before placing in plastic bags.	RM or RN	N/A
	Place the sealed plastic bags into a small chillybin with slicker pads, then in an appropriately sized box (3 sizes available) – available in Delivery Suite Storage Room. Use extra packing to prevent movement. Gamgee Roll available to ensure baby is protected in transit. Pack with the required documentation (listed below), including the <u>return consignment note for return flight</u> . Securely seal the box with tape and clearly label on outside Human Tissue .	RM or RN	RN

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		Perinatal - 20 weeks gestation up to delivery / still births	Paediatric- From birth
	Address the box: John Russell Technical Head Dept of Forensic Pathology Mortuary Facility Level 1, LabPLUS Auckland City Hospital Gate 4, Grafton Rd Grafton, Auckland <i>Stickers for both of these labels are in the folder in Delivery Suite</i>	RM or RN	RN
4. Documentation to Accompany Baby & Placenta			
	Refer to Perinatal / Paediatric Non-Coronial Documentation Checklist form (Auckland / Wellington)	RM or RN	RN

3. Wellington Post Mortem Procedure

Stage	Description	Responsibility Of	
		Perinatal - 20 weeks gestation up to delivery / still births	Paediatric- From birth
5. Planning			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contact Dr Jane Zuccollo to confirm her availability as early as possible. Wellington Hospital: 04-385-5999 Pager: 6745 (preferred method) Home: 04-237-5824 Mobile: 027-224-2501 Email: jane.zuccollo@ccdhb.org.nz 	RM or Registrar or Consultant	Registrar or Consultant
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> When the decision regarding post mortem has been made, a liaison person is required to provide guidance and emotional support to the family. 	RM or RN to contact DM early to get their involvement. NB: support person ideally should not be primary nurse	RN to contact DM early to get their involvement. NB: support person ideally should not be primary nurse
TGA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arrange flights for transportation of baby and placenta by ringing Air NZ National Cargo -0800 737737 / selection option 2 0800 until 1730 hours Monday to Friday. After hours or weekends, please phone Tauranga Airport: 575 3666 for bookings and to notify them the nature of the freight. 	Ambulance Co-ordinator 0800 -1630 hours Mon-Fri or DM after hours	Ambulance Co-ordinator 0800 -1630 hours Mon-Fri or DM after hours

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		Perinatal - 20 weeks gestation up to delivery / still births	Paediatric- From birth
WHK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ring 0800737737 to confirm a booking. Baby may need to be transported to Tauranga / Rotorua Airport to facilitate suitable flight times. 	DM	DM
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BOPDHB has an account for services 7003194 A minimum of five (5) hours between the ETA and ETD must be allowed for the transportation and post mortem Confirm with Jane, flight numbers, times and baby's name. 	RM or RN or DM	RN or DM
TGA	Contact Funeral Director and arrange for the transportation of the baby to / from Tauranga airport by Jones and Co funeral directors.578 4009 . They need to deliver the baby one (1) hour before the flight.	RM or RN or DM	RN or DM
WHK	Contact Funeral Director and arrange for the transportation of the baby to / from appropriate airport by Brent Willetts Funeral Services Ltd on 073071111 . They need to deliver the baby one (1) hour before the flight.	RM or RN or DM	RN or DM
	Contact Harbour City Funerals, Wellington with confirmed flight details Phone: 04 387-8301 Email: fd@funeral-link.co.nz Fax: 04 387-9978 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BOPDHB has an account for services 	RM or RN or DM	RN or DM
6. Storage of baby and placenta			
	If there are significant delays or the parents choose not to spend time with the baby, the baby needs to go to the Tauranga mortuary or Whakatane Funeral Directors. DO NOT STORE IN FREEZER	RM or RN or DM	RN or DM
7. Preparation for Transportation			
	Baby and placenta are to be sealed separately in double plastic bags.	RM or RN	RN
	If placenta has been fixed in formalin, this must be drained off completely before placing in plastic bag.	RM or RN	N/A

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	Address the box: Dr Jane Zucollo Pathologist Mortuary Department Wellington Hospital Wellington <i>Stickers for both of these labels are in the folder in Delivery Suite</i>	RM or RN	RN
8. Documentation to Accompany Baby & Placenta			
	Refer to Perinatal / Paediatric Non-Coronial Documentation Checklist form (Auckland / Wellington)	RM or RN	RN

REFERENCES

- Coroner's Act 2006
- Johnson, S. (2000) Health Care and The Law. 2nd Edition. Brookers. Wellington
- Births Deaths & Marriages Registration Act 1995
- Births Deaths & Marriages A Medical Certificate of Cause of Death (HP4720)
- Medical Certificate of Causes of Fetal and Neonatal Death (HP4721)
- Births Deaths & Marriages Transfer of Charge of Body Form (BDM39)
- [Department of Internal Affairs, Before Burial or Cremation booklet](#),
- Guideline – 'My Patient has died and I might need to contact the Coroner' – for House Surgeon handbook and orientation packages.
- 'My patient has died (The Paperwork)' – for doctors at Whakatane Hospital
- Perinatal Maternal Mortality review Committee Documents

ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 6.6.1 protocol 1 Death of a Patient - Notification of Death - Hospital Record of Death (HROD)
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 6.6.1 protocol 2 Death of a Patient - Coroner Notification and Investigation

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- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 6.6.1 protocol 7 Care Following Death
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 6.3.9 Body Parts and Tissues
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 2.1.4 Incident Management
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 2.5.1 Health Information Privacy
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board Form FM.D1.4 Death of a Patient – Hospital Record of Death
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board Form FM.D1.1 Post Mortem Fax – Non-Coronial Perinatal Paediatric (Auckland)
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board Form FM.D1.2 Post Mortem Fax – Non-Coronial Perinatal Paediatric (Wellington)
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board Form FM.D1.3 Post Mortem – Non-Coronial Documentation Checklist (Auckland / Wellington)

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