Perinatal Loss Resource Folio Contents

SOSU, in conjunction with the Perinatal Loss Service and Perinatal Pathology at KEMH, have collated this resource folio of information for Health Professionals dealing with Perinatal Loss. Copies of the contents may also be downloaded from the SOSU website.

Other useful resources may be found at Red Nose and SANDS (Stillbirth and Neonatal Death Society).

Section 1 Comprehensive Resource Booklets

1. **Caring for Families Experiencing Perinatal Loss Booklet**
   This is an overview booklet with clinical information, protocols for patient care and resources.

2. **Perinatal Pathology Guidelines for Health Care Professionals**
   This booklet contains information regarding the statewide perinatal pathology services provided by KEMH, including detailed autopsy and cremation information.

Section 2 Documentation

1. KEMH Perinatal Loss > 20 weeks Gestation Vaginal Birth Pathway. This may be modified as required for individual units. KEMH copy provided for information. (MR271)

2. Labour and birth summary information (for KEMH MR230.01)

3. Birth Registration forms are to be completed for stillbirths, as done for normal livebirths.

4. Paperwork from Family Assistance Office, including claim for Centre Link Bereavement Payment Form (for all neonatal deaths and still births > 20 weeks).

5. Death in Hospital form (MR001)

6. **Medical Certificate of Cause of Stillbirth or Neonatal Death (BDM201)**

7. **Certificate of Medical Practitioner for CREMATION (Form 7)**, which needs to be accompanied by an appropriate CONSENT for cremation

8. Commonly used forms:
   - Post Mortem Consent form > 20 weeks (MR236)
   - Consent for Pathology Examination Form < 20 weeks (MR238)
9. Permission to transport deceased baby > 20 weeks (MR295.95)

10. Brochure - Non Coronial Post-Mortem Examinations - information for parents

Section 3 Investigation Aids

1. Protocol for investigation into stillbirth (PSANZ)

2. Blood investigations and information as to what tubes to collect.

Section 4: Grief Support

1. Pamphlet *After the Death of Your Baby*

2. *Grief packs* for pre and post 20 weeks gestation
   (not applicable for downloading online)

3. Booklets about *Pregnancy loss pre 13 weeks and 14-20 weeks*

4. *Physiotherapy Care After the loss of your baby*

5. Perinatal Grief Scale (used at KEMH PLS Clinic)

6. SANDS & Red Nose grief support services - information available on line