

Sudden Unexpected Infant Death Investigation

Reporting Form

For use during the investigation of infant (under 1 year of age) deaths that are sudden, unexpected, and unexplained prior to investigation.

INFANT DEMOGRAPHICS

1.	Infant information. Full name:	Date of birth: (mm/dd/yyyy)
	Age:	
	Primary residence address:	
	City: State:	
2.	Race and/or Ethnicity: (check all that apply) American Indian or Alaskan Native Asian	Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander White
3.	Black or African American Middle Eastern or North African Hispanic or Latino Sex: Male Female	Other:
PI	REGNANCY HISTORY	
1.	Birth mother information. Unavailable Full name:	
	Maiden name: Date of birth: (mm/dd/yyyy)	SS#:
	Current address:	
	Same as infant's primary residence address above City:	
	State: Zip: Email address:	
2.	How long has the birth mother been at this address? Years: Months:	Days:
3.	Previous address(es) (cities/counties/states) in the past 5 years:	
4.	Did the birth mother receive prenatal care? Yes No Unknown	
	If yes: At how many weeks or months did prenatal care begin? Weeks Mor	iths
	How many prenatal care visits were completed?	
5.	Where did the birth mother receive prenatal care? Physician/Provider:	
	Hospital or Clinic:	Phone:
	Address:	
	City: State:	Zip:
6.	Did the birth mother have any complications, medical conditions, or injuries during her pregnan (e.g., high blood pressure, bleeding, gestational diabetes, fall, or accident) If yes, describe:	

7. During her pregnancy, did the birth mother use any of the following?

Substance		Use		Specify Type	Frequency
Over the counter medications	Yes	No	Unknown		
Prescribed medications	Yes	No	Unknown		
Herbal remedies	Yes	No	Unknown		
Alcohol	Yes	No	Unknown		
Illicit drugs (e.g., heroin)	Yes	No	Unknown		
Tobacco (e.g., cigarettes or e-cigarettes)	Yes	No	Unknown		
Other	Yes	No	Unknown		

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1.	Source of infant medical history information. (check all that apply)	
	Doctor Other health care provider Medical record Parent or primary caregiver Other family member	
	Other, specify:	
2.	Vere there any complications during delivery or at birth? (e.g., emergency C-section, or infant needed oxygen)	
	Yes No Unknown <i>If yes</i> , describe:	
3.	old the infant have abnormal newborn screening results? Yes No Unknown	
	f yes, describe:	
4.	nfant's length at birth: IN CM	
5.	nfant's weight at birth: LBS and OZ GM	
6.	Compared to the due date, when was the infant born?	
	Early (before 37 weeks) Late (after 41 weeks) On time How many weeks? Infant's due date: (mm/dd/yyyy)	
7.	Vas the infant a singleton or multiple birth? Singleton Twin Triplet Quadruplet or higher	
8.	Vas the infant born with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS)? (NAS is a drug withdrawal syndrome in newborns exposed to substances, ke opioids, before birth) Yes No Unknown	
	f yes, did the infant need pharmacologic treatment? Yes No Unknown	
9.	ill out the contact information for the infant's regular pediatrician and birth hospital.	

Item	Regular Pediatrician	Birth Hospital
Date	Of last visit:	Of discharge:
Name of hospital or clinic		
Address		
Phone number		

10. Describe the two most recent times the infant was seen by a health care provider.

(include ER and clinic visits, hospital admissions, observational stays, regular pediatrician, and phone calls)

Visit type	1 st most recent visit	2 nd most recent visit
Reason for visit		
Action taken		
Date		
Physician's name		
Hospital or clinic		
Address		
Phone number		

11. Did the infant have any of the following?

Symptom	Within	72 hrs of	incident
Fever	Yes	No	Unknown
Cough	Yes	No	Unknown
Diarrhea	Yes	No	Unknown
Excessive sweating	Yes	No	Unknown
Stool changes	Yes	No	Unknown
Lethargy or sleeping more than usual	Yes	No	Unknown
Difficulty breathing	Yes	No	Unknown
Fussiness or excessive crying	Yes	No	Unknown
Exposure to anyone who was sick (e.g., at home or at daycare)	Yes	No	Unknown
Decrease in appetite	Yes	No	Unknown
Falls or injuries	Yes	No	Unknown
Other, specify:	Yes	No	Unknown

Symptom	Within	72 hrs o	f incident	At any time		
Allergies or allergic reactions (food, medication, or other)	Yes	No	Unknown	Yes	No	Unknown
Abnormal growth, weight gain, or weight loss	Yes	No	Unknown	Yes	No	Unknown
Apnea (stopped breathing)	Yes	No	Unknown	Yes	No	Unknown
Cyanosis (turned blue or gray)	Yes	No	Unknown	Yes	No	Unknown
Seizures or convulsions	Yes	No	Unknown	Yes	No	Unknown
Cardiac (heart) abnormalities	Yes	No	Unknown	Yes	No	Unknown
Colic (frequent prolonged crying/chronic inconsolable fussiness)	Yes	No	Unknown	Yes	No	Unknown
Feeding issues (e.g., reflux)	Yes	No	Unknown	Yes	No	Unknown
Vomiting	Yes	No	Unknown	Yes	No	Unknown
Choking	Yes	No	Unknown	Yes	No	Unknown
Other, specify:	Yes	No	Unknown	Yes	No	Unknown

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12. Infant exposed to sec	ond hand smoke? (environmental tobacco	o smoke)	Yes	No	Unknown	
If yes, how often?	Frequently (several times a week)	Occasionally	(several tin	nes a mon	nth)	Unknown

13. In the 72 hours before death, was the infant given any vaccinations or medications? (include any home remedies, herbal medications, prescription medications, over-the-counter medications)

	prescription medications, over-the-co	unter medications,)							
	Vaccine or medication name	Dose last given	Date given (mm/dd/yy)	Approx. time given		Reasons give	n or comments			
14.	Was the infant last placed to slee	p with a bottle?	Yes	No U	nknown					
If yes, was the bottle propped? (object used to hold bottle while infant feeds) Yes No Unknown										
If yes: What object propped the bottle?										
	Could the infant hold the	ne bottle?	Yes No	Unknown						
5.	5. Who was the last person to feed the infant? (name and familial relationship to infant)									
6.	Did the death occur during feeding	ng? Breas	stfeeding	Bottle-fee	eding Eat	ing solids	Not during feeding			
7.	Was the infant ever breastfed?	Yes	No Unkn	nown	If yes, for how n	nany months? _				
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18. What did the infant consume in the 24 hours prior to death?

Consumed?	If yes, describe		If yes, newly introduced?		If yes, w the last consu prior to ir	thing med	If last fed, indicate quantity	If last fed, indicate date and time?
Breastmilk		Yes	No	Unknown	Yes	No		
Formula		Yes	No	Unknown	Yes	No		
Water		Yes	No	Unknown	Yes	No		
Other liquids		Yes	No	Unknown	Yes	No		
Solids		Yes	No	Unknown	Yes	No		
Other		Yes	No	Unknown	Yes	No		

19.	Among the infa	ant's blo	ood relatives (siblings, parents, grand	dparents, aunt	s, uncles,	or first cousins)	was there any		
	Sudden or (unexpe	cted death before the age of 50?	Yes	No	Unknown			
	Heart disea	se? (e.g	., cardiomyopathy, Marfan or Brugada s	yndrome, long	or short Q	T syndrome, or	catecholaminergic polym	orphic ventricular	tachycardia)
	Yes	No	Unknown						
	If yes to eitl	<i>her</i> , des	cribe: (include relation to infant)						

INF	ANT HISTORY, continued
20.	Did the infant have any birth defect(s)? Yes No Unknown
	If yes, describe:
21.	Was the infant able to roll over on his or her own? (check all that apply) Front to back Back to front
22.	Indicate the infant's ability to lift or hold his or her head up. Unable 1 second 5 seconds ≥ 10 seconds Unknown
23.	Was the infant meeting or not meeting growth and developmental milestones? (e.g., sitting up, crawling, rolling over, or feeding well. Include if the caregiver, supervisor, or medical professional had any concerns.)
24.	Is there anything else that may have affected the infant that has not yet been documented? (e.g., exposed to fumes, infant unusually heavy, placed with positional support or wedge, or international travel)
IN	CIDENT SCENE INVESTIGATION
1.	Incident scene (place infant found unresponsive or dead). Type of location? (e.g., primary residence, daycare, or grandmother's house)
•	Address: City:
	State: Zip:
2.	Was the infant in a new or different environment? (not part of the infant's normal routine) Yes No Unknown
	If yes, describe:
3.	Did the death occur at a daycare? Yes No Unknown If yes: How many children younger than 18 years of age were under the care of the provider at the time of the incident?
	(including their own children) How many adults aged 18 years or older were supervising the child(ren)?
	How long has the daycare been open for business?
	Is the daycare licensed? Yes No Unknown
	If yes: License number? Licensing agency?
4.	How many people live at the incident scene? Children (younger than 18 years) Adults (18 years or older)
	What kind of heating or cooling sources were being used at the incident scene? (e.g., A/C window unit, wood-burning fireplace, or open window)
6.	Was there a working carbon monoxide (CO) alarm at the incident scene? Yes No Unknown
7.	Indicate the temperature of the room where the infant was found unresponsive, and the surrounding area. (fill in temperatures)
	Thermostat setting: Thermostat reading: Incident room: Outside: Time of reading:
8.	Which of these devices were operating in the room where the infant was found unresponsive? (check all that apply)
	Fan Apnea monitor Humidifier Vaporizer Air purifier None Unknown
	Other, specify:
9.	What was the source of drinking water at the incident scene? (check all that apply) Public or municipal water Bottled water Well water Unknown
	Other enecity

Yes

No

No

Yes

Unknown

Unknown

If no, explain:

7. Was there a crib, bassinet, or portable crib at the place of incidence?

If yes, was it in good or usable condition? (e.g., not broken or not full of laundry)

8. Where was the infant (P)laced befo	ore death, (L)ast ki	nown alive, (F)ound	, and (U)sually placed?	(write P, L, F,	or U, leave blank i	f none)
Crib	Portable Crib	Waterbed	Stroll	er	_ Playpen/play	area (not portable crib)
Bassinet	Sofa/couch	Swing	Futon		_ Bouncy chair	
Bedside sleeper	Chair	Baby box	Floor		_ Rocking sleep	er
Car seat	Unknown	Held in per	son's arms		_ In-bed sleepe	r
Other, specify:					_	
Adult bed — <i>If yes</i> , what			Queen King	Unknown		
9. Describe the condition and firmne						
10. Was the infant wrapped or swado If yes: Describe the arm position Describe swaddle. (include	. Arms free a		in One arm in	and one arm		
11. What was the infant wearing? <i>(e.</i>	a t-shirt or disposat	ole diaper)				
12. What was the infant's usual sleep		itting Back		Side	Unknown	
13. Describe the circumstances of in	-	-				
Circumstances	Pla	ced	Last known	alive		Found
Date						
Time						
Location (e.g., living room or bedroom)						
Position (e.g., sitting, back, stomach, side, or unknown)						
Face position (e.g., down, up, left, right, or unknown)						
Neck position (e.g., hyperextended or head back, hyperextended or chin to chest, neutral, or turned)						
14. Was the infant's airway obstructe	ed by a person or o	bject when found?	(includes obstruction of t	he mouth or no	ose, or compressi	on of the neck or chest)
Unobstructed Fully	obstructed	Partially obstruct	ed Unknown			
If fully or partially, what was obst	ructed or compres	sed? (check all that a	npply) Nose	Mouth	Chest	Neck

15. Indicate the items present in the sleep environment and their positional relation to the infant when the infant was found.

Item		Present	?	If yes, p	osition in	ı relation t	o infant?	the infa		t obstruct uth, nose, eck?
Adult(s) (18 years or older)	Yes	No	Unknown	Over	Under	Next to	Unknown	Yes	No	Unknown
Other child(ren) (younger than 18 years)	Yes	No	Unknown	Over	Under	Next to	Unknown	Yes	No	Unknown
Animal(s)	Yes	No	Unknown	Over	Under	Next to	Unknown	Yes	No	Unknown
Mattress	Yes	No	Unknown	Over	Under	Next to	Unknown	Yes	No	Unknown
Comforter, quilt or other	Yes	No	Unknown	Over	Under	Next to	Unknown	Yes	No	Unknown
Fitted sheet	Yes	No	Unknown	Over	Under	Next to	Unknown	Yes	No	Unknown
Thin blanket	Yes	No	Unknown	Over	Under	Next to	Unknown	Yes	No	Unknown
Pillow(s)	Yes	No	Unknown	Over	Under	Next to	Unknown	Yes	No	Unknown
Cushion	Yes	No	Unknown	Over	Under	Next to	Unknown	Yes	No	Unknown
Nursing or u-shaped pillow	Yes	No	Unknown	Over	Under	Next to	Unknown	Yes	No	Unknown
Sleep positioner (wedge)	Yes	No	Unknown	Over	Under	Next to	Unknown	Yes	No	Unknown
Bumper pads	Yes	No	Unknown	Over	Under	Next to	Unknown	Yes	No	Unknown
Clothing (not on a person)	Yes	No	Unknown	Over	Under	Next to	Unknown	Yes	No	Unknown
Crib railing or side	Yes	No	Unknown	Over	Under	Next to	Unknown	Yes	No	Unknown
Wall	Yes	No	Unknown	Over	Under	Next to	Unknown	Yes	No	Unknown
Toy(s)	Yes	No	Unknown	Over	Under	Next to	Unknown	Yes	No	Unknown
Other, specify:	Yes	No	Unknown	Over	Under	Next to	Unknown	Yes	No	Unknown

If yes to adult(s) or child(ren) sharing sleep surface with the infant, complete table below.

Name of individual(s) sharing sleep surface with infant	Relationship to infant	Age	Height	Weight	_	aired by or alcoh	drugs	Fell asle	ep feedi	ng infant?
					Yes	No	Unknown	Yes	No	Unknown
					Yes	No	Unknown	Yes	No	Unknown
					Yes	No	Unknown	Yes	No	Unknown

	If yes to impaired, describe:
16.	Were there any secretions present at the scene? Yes No Unknown
	If yes, describe: (include where they were found)
17.	Was there evidence of wedging? (wedging is an obstruction of the nose or mouth, or compression of the neck or chest as a result of being stuck or trapped between inanimate objects) Yes No Unknown
	If yes, describe:
18.	Was there evidence of overlay? (overlay is an obstruction of the nose or mouth, or compression of the neck or chest as a result of a person rolling on top of or against an infant) Yes No Unknown
	If yes, describe:
19.	Was the infant breathing when found? Yes No Unknown

Yes

No

Unknown

 $\emph{If no}, did anyone witness the infant stop breathing?}$

20. Describe the infant's appearance when found.	(indicate all the	hat apply)			
Appearance	F	Present?	Descri	be and specif	fy location
Discoloration around face, nose, or mouth	Yes	No Unknown			
Secretions or fluids (e.g., foam, froth, or urine)	Yes	No Unknown			
Skin discoloration (e.g., livor mortis, pale areas, darkness, or color changes)	Yes	No Unknown			
Pressure marks (e.g., pale areas, or blanching)	Yes	No Unknown			
Rash or petechiae (e.g., small, red blood spots on skin, membrane, or eyes)	Yes	No Unknown			
Marks on body (e.g., scratches or bruises)	Yes	No Unknown			
Other:	Yes	No Unknown			
21. What did the infant feel like when found? <i>(chec</i> Sweaty Warm to touch Cool	k all that appl to touch	y) Limp/flexible	Rigid/stiff	Unknown	
Other, specify:					
22. Did EMS respond? Yes No U	nknown				
If yes, was the infant transported?	s No	Unknown			
23. Was resuscitation attempted? Yes N	lo Un	known			
If yes: By whom? (e.g., EMS, bystander, or parent)					
Date: (mm/dd/mm) Tin	ne:		Type of compressio	n? (check all th	nat apply)
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Was rescue breathing done? Yes	No	Unknown			
The following questions refer to the caregiver(s) at 24. Has the caregiver ever had a child under their If yes, explain: (include familial relationship of child	care die sud	denly and unexpec	tedly? Yes	No	Unknown
25. Were the infant and caregiver in the same room	n at the time	of the incident, bu	t not sharing the same :	sleep surface	?
Yes No Unknown N/A - sh	aring a slee	p surface			
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Ca	regiver	used?	Frequency
Yes	No	Unknown	
	Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes	Yes No	Yes No Unknown Unknown

If yes, what were the results? _

INVESTIGATION SUMMARY

1. Arrival dates and times.

	Hosp	ital		ncident scene
Infant				N/A
Law enforcement				
Death investigator				
Death investigate	an investigation? (check all the or from medical examiner or c	oroner office Lav		
I. If more than one per	rm was completed. Dates on was interviewed, does the erences or inconsistencies of	information provided d		N/A alive on chair)
Materials collecte	performed. (check all that apply) ed or evidence logged giver(s) interviewed	Additional scene(s Next of kin notified) (forms attached) conducted 911 tape obtained	Photos or video taken EMS run sheet or report obtained

Photographed

No

Do the scenarios given during the doll reenactment(s) match what was seen during the preliminary investigation?

Hospital

Yes

Videoed

Unknown

Date performed: (mm/dd/yyyy) _____

Other, specify:__

INVESTIGATION DIAGRAMS

Yes

1. Scene diagram (illustrate the infant's sleep environment)

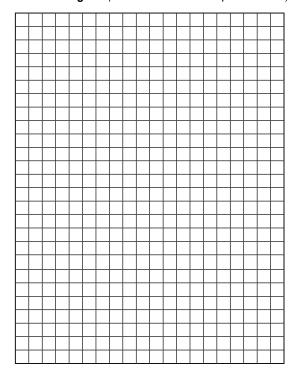
If yes: How was it documented? (check all that apply)

Were photos provided to the pathologist?

Indicate when the doll reenactment was performed.

Incident scene

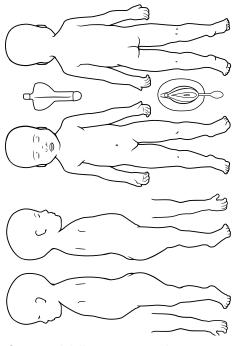
Where was it performed?



2. Body diagram (note visible injuries, livor mortis, or rigor mortis)

Other, specify: _____

Time performed: _____



3. Scene and doll reenactment photos (include with form)

SUMMARY FOR PATHOLOGIST

1. Investigator information. Name:	Agency: _			
Phone: Email address	s:			
2. Indicate when the investigation took place.	Date: mm/dd/yyyy) Time: _			
3. Indicate when the infant was pronounced dead.	Date: (mm/dd/yyyy) Time: _			
4. Indicate when it is estimated the infant died.	Date: (mm/dd/yyyy) Time: _			
5. Location of death: (e.g., home or hospital)				
6. Data sources consulted to complete this form. (a Witness interview Photos/videos from	heck all that apply) Infant medical records caregivers demonstrating injuries, developmen	Birth records ntal milestone, or medica	Prenatal I concerns	records
Other, specify:				
7. Indicate whether preliminary investigation sugge	sts any of the following. (indicate all that apply)			
Sleeping Environment			Yes	No
Asphyxia (e.g., evidence of overlying, wedging, chok compression, or immersion in water)	ng, nose or mouth obstruction, re-breathing, ned	k or chest		
Sharing of sleep surface with adults, children, or pet	3			
Change in sleep condition (e.g., unaccustomed stom	ach sleep position, location, or sleep surface)			
Hyperthermia or hypothermia (e.g., excessive wrapp	ng, blankets, clothing, or hot or cold environmen	ts)		
Environmental hazards (e.g., carbon monoxide, noxide	us gases, chemicals, drugs, or devices)			
Unsafe sleep condition (e.g., non-supine, couch, adu	t bed, stuffed toys, pillows, or soft bedding)			
Infant History			Yes	No
Diet (e.g., solids introduced)				
Recent hospitalization				
Previous medical diagnosis				
History of acute life threatening events (e.g., apnea,	seizures, or difficulty breathing)			
History of medical care without diagnosis				
Recent fall or other injury				
History of religious, cultural or alternative remedies				
Cause of death due to natural causes other than SID	6 (e.g., birth defects or complications of preterm	birth)		
Family Information			Yes	No
Prior sibling deaths				
Sudden or unexpected death before the age of 50 or long or short QT syndrome, catecholaminergic polynsiblings, parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, or first	orphic ventricular tachycardia) among the infant			
Previous encounters with police or social service ago	ncies			
Request for tissue or organ donation				
Objection to autopsy				
Exam			Yes	No
Preterminal resuscitative treatment				
Signs of trauma or injury, poisoning, or intoxication				
Other			Yes	No
Suspicious circumstances				
Other alerts for pathologist's attention				
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If yes to any of th	ne above, explain in detail: (descrip	otion of circumstances)	
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viedicai examiner	or pathologist information.		
Name:			
Agency:			
Phone:	Fax:	Email address:	

Visit https://www.cdc.gov/sids/SUIDRF.htm for Additional Investigative Scene Forms of Body Diagram, EMS Interview, Hospital Interview, Immunization Record, Infant Exposure History, Informant Contact, Law Enforcement Interview, Materials Collection Log, Non Professional Responder Interview, Parental Information, Primary Residence Investigation, and Scene Diagram.