

TEST UPDATE

Autopsy Service Change for Perinatal Autopsies Sent to UVMHC from NECLA Affiliated Hospitals UVMHC

The autopsy service at UVMHC has made significant changes to the processing of the above cases as delineated below:

UVMHC will accept neonatal (3 weeks of life and under) and fetal autopsies, including miscarriages and stillbirths, at hospitals outside of Vermont if they are sent by a UVMHN, NECLA, or hospital that uses UVMHC as a reference laboratory using the following procedure:

1. Obtain a properly filled autopsy consent form.
2. Cytogenetics for Chromosomal Microarray can be ordered by the clinician for prognostic purposes. If it has not been ordered, the pathologist may order Chromosomal Microarray for diagnostic purposes as needed at the time of autopsy.
3. Advanced genetic testing (i.e., whole genome sequencing) is NOT part of routine testing.
4. Call the Autopsy Service at UVMHC (802-847-3570) to inform staff of a case being sent and to request shipping supplies.
5. The placenta MUST be sent with the fetus/neonate if at all feasible. The placenta should be sent fresh. If the placenta has already been processed in surgical pathology, please send the surgical pathology report, slides, blocks and gross photographs.
6. Send the prenatal visit notes, labor and delivery notes, and labs with the fetus/neonate, or fax them to 802-847-6443.
7. Place the fetus/neonate, placenta, and requested paperwork with autopsy consent in a supplied shipping tote with lock.
8. If you do not have a locking tote for transport of remains please call Lab Customer Service on 802 847 5121 and request a locking autopsy tote be sent to your location via courier.

FETAL/NEONATAL CONTAINER



AUTOPSY BILLING

Autopsies that are sent to UVM Medical Center from NECLA Affiliated Hospitals are performed at no charge to the hospital or to the patient's family.

If there is a request from the clinician or autopsy pathologist for Genetic Testing to be performed on a fetus/neonate your hospital would be billed for these services.

Note: placentas are sent to surgical pathology and will incur a charge.

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