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## Survey of Knowledge, Attitudes and Practice Management Patterns of Obstetricians Regarding Stillbirth Pregnancy Outcomes

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### Survey Eligibility Questions

Please fill in all of the boxes below that describe your practice as a physician:

- Active in clinical practice in the field of obstetrics
- Active in clinical practice in a field other than obstetrics
- Retired from active obstetrics
- Administration
- Teaching
- Research

In what county (ies) is your practice located? **Circle** all that apply.

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| <input type="radio"/> Cherokee | <input type="radio"/> Fayette  | <input type="radio"/> Rockdale                |
| <input type="radio"/> Clayton  | <input type="radio"/> Forsyth  | <input type="radio"/> Other,<br>specify _____ |
| <input type="radio"/> Cobb     | <input type="radio"/> Fulton   |                                               |
| <input type="radio"/> Coweta   | <input type="radio"/> Gwinnett |                                               |
| <input type="radio"/> DeKalb   | <input type="radio"/> Henry    |                                               |
| <input type="radio"/> Douglas  | <input type="radio"/> Paulding |                                               |

**IF YOU ARE NOT CURRENTLY INVOLVED IN CLINICAL PRACTICE IN THE FIELD OF OBSTETRICS IN EITHER: CLAYTON, COBB, DEKALB, FULTON, OR GWINNETT COUNTIES; PLEASE STOP HERE AND RETURN THIS SURVEY.**

**For each of the items that follow, please circle or fill in the appropriate response.**

### Section 1. Demographic Information

1. Age: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Gender:  Male  Female (Circle)  
Race ethnicity: (circle)
  - a) White
  - b) Black or African American
  - c) Hispanic or Latino
  - d) Not Hispanic or Latino
  - e) Asian
  - f) American Indian or Alaska Native
  - g) Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
3. What month/year did you start practicing medicine (excluding residency/fellowship training)?  
 \_\_\_ Month \_\_\_ Year
4. In what type of practice setting do you work? (**Circle ALL** that apply)
  - a) Obstetric-gynecological partnership or group
  - b) Solo practice
  - c) University faculty and practice
  - d) Multi-specialty group
  - e) Health maintenance organization
  - f) Military

g) Other, specify \_\_\_\_\_

5. What is your primary specialty? (**Circle** Answer)

- a) Obstetrics and gynecology
- b) Maternal-fetal medicine
- c) Reproductive endocrinology
- d) Gynecological oncology
- e) Urogynecology
- f) Other primary specialties, specify \_\_\_\_\_

6. Approximately how many births do you attend annually? (**Circle** Answer)

- a) 10-20
- b) 21-50
- c) 51-100
- d) 101-200
- e) More than 200

7. What is the racial/ethnic make up of your patients? (**Indicate by percentage**)

- a) White \_\_\_ %
- b) Black or African American \_\_\_ %
- c) Hispanic or Latino \_\_\_ %
- d) Not Hispanic or Latino \_\_\_ %
- e) Asian \_\_\_ %
- f) American Indian or Alaska Native \_\_\_ %
- g) Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander \_\_\_ %

## Section 2. Definition and Case Ascertainment

1. On average, how many stillbirth cases do you see annually?

On average, I see \_\_\_\_\_ stillbirth cases annually.

2. What percentage of these is the cause of death not identified?

\_\_ % of the cases of stillbirth I see annually has no cause identified.

3. What minimum gestational age do you consider defines a stillbirth?

\_\_\_\_\_ or more weeks gestational age.

4. In addition to question 3, how do you define "stillbirth"? (**Circle** Answer)

- a) Death of a fetus <500g within hours of birth
- b) Death within moments of birth in a non-viable fetus
- c) Unsuccessful resuscitation in the delivery room
- d) No heart beat or breathing at birth
- e) Other, specify \_\_\_\_\_

5. In your opinion, should the definition for stillbirth be standardized? (**Circle** Answer)

- a) Yes
- b) No
- c) Uncertain

6. Please rate the extent to which you agree with the following statements: (Put a check in the box which applies)

	Disagree 1	2	3	Neither Disagree nor Agree 4	5	6	Agree 7
The use of an evaluation protocol for post-mortem stillbirth management is important	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The provider/clinician should spend sufficient time and resources to conduct a comprehensive search for the cause of stillbirth	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A standardized universal protocol for post-mortem stillbirth evaluation would be helpful	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A standardized protocol for post-mortem stillbirth evaluation should be required	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
For cases of stillbirth, the provider/clinician should be meticulous in completing the fetal death report	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

7. When providing stillbirth-related patient care, how frequently do you do each of the following:

	Never 1	2	3	Some- times 4	5	6	Always 7
Discuss the need for stillbirth evaluation with your patients to determine the cause of death	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Recommend autopsy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Send placenta and cord for histopathologic examination	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

8. [Following a case of stillbirth, how frequently do you recommend/offer an autopsy?](#)

- [a\) <25%](#)
- [b\) 26-50%](#)
- [c\) 51-75%](#)
- [d\) 76-100%](#)

9. How many of your patients who have [experienced/suffered](#) a stillbirth consent to a fetal autopsy?

- e) <25%
- f) 26-50%
- g) 51-75%
- h) 76-100%

10. Which of the following do you regularly offer to your patients if they refuse an autopsy? (**Circle ALL** that apply)

- a) Cytogenetic testing
- b) Radiographs
- c) Limited/focused autopsy
- d) Photographs
- e) Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_
- f) Usually do not offer additional studies

10.1 In your opinion, what is the **MOST** important factor determining whether an autopsy is conducted? (**Circle only one** Answer)

- a) Extent to which medical staff member(s) (i.e., neonatologist, obstetrician, midwife or neonatal nurse) encouraged the patient to have an autopsy conducted
- b) Patient refusal
- c) Concern for liability issues
- d) Cost/reimbursement
- e) Cause is usually suspected and an autopsy is not needed
- f) Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

11.2 Who usually completes the fetal death certificate? (**Circle ALL** that apply)

- a) Physician
- b) Labor and delivery nurse
- c) Pathologist
- d) Physician assistant
- e) Not sure
- f) Other, specify \_\_\_\_\_

13. Is the fetal death certificate usually completed before all test results, (e.g. cultures, histopathology and autopsy) are available: (**Circle** Answer)

- a) Yes
- b) No
- c) Never had to fill out a fetal death certificate
- d) unsure

14. Have you ever filed an amendment to a fetal death certificate to update it with new information? (**Circle** Answer)

- a) Yes
- b) No

15. How many times per year does your institution review cases of stillbirth?

- a) Always and usually on a regular basis
- b) Always but not on a regular basis
- c) Sometimes, but not on a regular basis
- d) Never

16. Do you routinely use a post-mortem stillbirth evaluation protocol?

- a) Always
- b) Sometimes
- c) Never



#### Section 4. Professional Education and Self-Evaluation

1. Please rate your level of comfort in each of the following areas related to the management of stillbirth-related patient care: (Put a check in the box which apply)

	Not comfortable 1	2	3	Somewhat comfortable 4	5	6	Very comfortable 7
Ability to manage high risk pregnancies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Knowledge regarding the causes and prevention of stillbirth	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2. Which of the following have you found **MOST** helpful as a source of knowledge on the causes, prevention, and management of stillbirth? (**Circle** up to three)

- a) Medical school
- b) [On-line Tutorials](#)
- c) [Residency](#)
- d) Continuing Medical Education (CME)
- e) American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology (ACOG) materials
- f) Journals
- g) Textbooks
- h) Self study materials
- i) Conferences/meetings
- j) Other source (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

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