Sudden Unexpected Child Death Investigation Reporting Form

Recommended for use in pediatric deaths, 12 months and older, that are: 1) "Sudden" referring to the circumstance where the onset of symptoms is within 24 hours or less from death and 2) "Unexpected" referring to individuals considered to be in good health, had a chronic but stable condition, or a new illness not considered to be life

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						CHILD DEMOGRAPHICS
1.	Child's Information. Fu	II name:			Ca	se number:
	Sex: ○ Male ○ Fema	ale Date of	birth:	Age:	SS#:	
	Race: ○White ○Black	/African Am.	☐ Asian/Pacific Islar	ider 🔾 Am. In	dian/Alaskan Nat	ive ○Hispanic/Latino ○Other
2.	Child's primary residen	ice. Address	<u> </u>			· ·
	City:		State:		Zip:	
						PREGNANCY HISTORY
1.	Birth mother informati	i on. OBirth	mother's informatio	n is unavailab	le Full name	:
	Maiden name:		Date of bi	rth:	SS#:	
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	City:					
	Same as child's prim					
2.	Email address:	acoivo propa	tal caro? Over		nown	
۷.	If yes: At how many we	•				cs Months
			enatal care visits?		O Weel	CS CIVIOTICIES
	Where did the birth me					
				lospital/Clinic	name:	Phone:
	Street Address:		City:_		State:	Zipcode:
3.	Did the birth mother h	ave any com	plications/medical o	onditions or i	njuries during h	er pregnancy? (e.g., high blood
						specify:
4.	Was the birth mother i	njured durin	g her pregnancy wit	h the child?	\bigcirc No, \bigcirc Yes. If γ	yes, describe:
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5.	all that apply)	did the birth	mother use any of t	he following:	(indicate yes (Y), no (N), or unknown (UNK) for
		Y, N, UNK	Specify Type			Frequency
	Over the counter					
	medications					
	Prescribed medications					
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	Herbal remedies					
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	Alcohol					
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	Illicit drugs (e.g., heroin)					
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	Other					
t	Tobacco (e.g., ciga-					
	rettes, e-cigarettes)					
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Source of child medical his	nt/primary careg	giver 🔾	Other family O	ther, specify:	-	
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Yes ○No ○Unk If yeDid the child have abnorm		ening res	sults? OYes ONc	O Unk If yes, describe	:	
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Date	Of last visit:	10		Of discharge:	Pres.	
Name and hospital/clinic				O)		
Address						
Phone number						
Describe the two most rec visits, hospital admissions,	observational st		ılar pediatrician, an			? ER and cli
Reason for visit		1000.000	110 01310			
Action taken	 			<u> </u>		
	 					
Date	 					
Physician's name	 					
Hospital/clinic	<u> </u>			1		
Address	<u> </u>					
Phone number						
0. Did the child have any of t	the following? (ir	ndicate yε	es (Y), no (N), or un	nknown (UNK) for all that	apply)	
		In last 72 hrs			At any time	In last 72 hrs
Fever			Allergies or allerg ication, or other)	gic reactions (food, med-		
Diarrhea				n or weight gain/loss		
Excessive sweating		<u> </u>	Apnea (stopped b			
Stool changes		<u> </u>	Cyanosis (turned			
Lethargy or sleeping more	than usual	 	Seizures or convu			
Difficulty breathing	·	<u> </u>	Chaking	onormalities		
Fussiness or excessive cryi Exposure to anyone who v		 	Choking	.g., reflux, allergies)		
at home, daycare)	Nas sick (e.g.,		reeding issues (c.	.g., rejiux, uliergiesj		
Decrease in appetite			Vomiting			
Falls/injuries			Other, specify:			
Other, specify:]			
If yes to any of the above,	describe:					
Are there any photos or vid		t demons	strate the above? (i.	.e., video of seizure)	No ○Yes	

	given	(mm/dd/yy)	Approx (milit		Re	asons given	/comments
Did the child have any birth Has the child been diagnose							If yes, describe:
Has the child met the approp	riate deve	lopmental mile	stones to	date? (For	children	> 5 yrs, skip	table)
Milestone				Yes		No	Unknown
Able to walk holding onto things (12m)							
Points to things (12m)							
Able to speak single words (12m)							
Able to walk without assistance (12m)							
Able to walk up steps (18m)							
Drinks from a cup (18m)							
Eats with a spoon (18m)							
Speaks at least 6 words (18m)							
Points to show things to others (18m)							
Says "no" and shakes head (18m)							
Copies what others are doing (2yr)							
Speaks in 2-4 word sentences (2yr)							
Points to pictures or objects when nam	ed (2yr)						
Beginning to sort shapes and colors (2y	r)						
Throws ball overhand (2yr)							
Beginning to run (2yr)							
Can kick a ball (2yr)							
Dresses and undresses self (3yr)							
Holds 2-3 sentence conversations (3yr)							
Can work a 3-4 piece puzzle (3yr)							
Can walk up steps, one foot per step (3	yr)						
Screws/unscrews jar lids and turn door	knobs (3yr)						
Catches a bounced ball most of the tim	e (4yr)						
Hops and stands on 1 foot for 2 second	s (4yr)					·	
Names some colors and numbers (4yr)							
Draws a person with 2-4 body parts (4y	r)						
Sings a song or says a poem from mem	ory (4yr)						
Uses a fork and a spoon (5yr)							
Likes to sing/dance/act (5yr)							
Speaks clearly (5yr)							
Says name and address (5yr)							
Can use the toilet by themselves (5yr)							
Stands on one foot for 10 seconds or lo	nger (5yr)						

Among the child's blood relatives, is there a history of: No		as there been any recent change in the chescribe:	nild's	s behavior, i	nterests or activ	ity level?	○ No, ○ Yes	. If yes,
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	INCIDENT SCENE INVESTIGATION (Place child found unresponsive or dead)
1.	Incident location type: (e.g., primary residence, day care, grandma's house)
	Address: State: Zip:
2.	Did the death occur in a daycare/childcare setting or school? ○Yes ○No ○Unknown
	If yes: How many children (under 18 years) were under the care of the provider at the time of the incident/death?
	(including their own children) How many adults (18 years or older) were supervising the child(ren)?
	How long has the daycare or school been open for business?
	Is the daycare licensed? Ores No Ounk If yes, License No.: Licensing agency:
	Name of daycare/childcare setting or school
	How many people live at the site of the incident or death scene? Children (under 18) Adults (18 or older)
	What kind of heating or cooling sources were being used? (e.g., A/C window unit, wood burning fireplace, open window)
	Was there a working carbon monoxide (CO) detector in home? OYes No Ounknown
6.	Indicate the temperature of the room where the child was found unresponsive. (fill in temperatures)
7.	Thermostat setting: Thermostat reading: Actual room: Outside: Time of reading: Which of these devices were operating in the child's room? (check all that apply) \(\text{ \ None \ } \text{ \ Fan \ } \ Applea monitor \)
	○ Humidifier ○ Vaporizer ○ Air purifier ○ Unk ○ Other, specify:
8.	What was the source of drinking water at the site of the incident or death scene? (check all that apply)
_	OPublic/municipal water OBottled water OWell OUnk Other, specify:
9.	Indicate if the incident site or death scene had obvious indication of any of the following. (check all that apply)
	☐ Insects ☐ Mold growth ☐ Smokey smell ☐ Pets ☐ Dampness ☐ Peeling paint ☐ Visible standing water ☐ Presence of alcohol containers ☐ None ☐ Rodents or vermin ☐ Odors or fumes, describe:
	Presence of prescription drugs, describe:
	Presence of illicit drugs or drug paraphernalia, describe:
	Other, specify:
10.	Describe the general appearance of incident scene. (e.g., cleanliness, hazards, overcrowding)
11.	Is there anything else that may have impacted the child that has not yet been documented? (e.g., drug and alcohol
	use at scene, history of domestic violence, child abuse, neglect)
	INCIDENT CIRCUMSTANCES
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1.	Witness Information. Relationship to deceased. (check all that apply) ☐ Birth mother ☐ Birth father ☐ Grandmother ☐ Grandfather ☐ Adoptive/foster parent ☐ Physician ☐ Health records ☐ Other, describe:
	Full Name:
	Email address: Phone Number:
	Work address:
	Who is the usual caregiver?
	Tell me what happened. (include details about how the child was found)
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	Did you or anyone witness the terminal event? ONO OYes, list name of person:
6.	Apparent activity at the time of the child's terminal event: Asleep Awake/sedentary Exercise Unknown
	Other
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7.	Did you notice any If yes, specify:	_			about	the chi	d in th	e last 24	hrs?	⊖Yes	○No	OU	nknown	
	Did the child exper				he last	72hrs?	○Yes	. ○No	○Ur	nknown				
	If yes, specify:													
	When and where w							-						
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		Chair				spring			- · c					
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Name of individual(s) sharing sleep surface with child	Relationship to child	Age	Height	Weight	Impaired by drugs or alcohol? Y/N/UNK	Fell asleep feeding infant? Y/N/UNK
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Marks on body (e.g., sc	ratches, bruises)					
Other						
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25.	Currently, is the child's caregiver	-at-the	-time-o	f-death เ	using any of the following? (indicate all that apply)
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	Herbal remedies	Ō	Ö	Ō	
	Other, specify:	Ö	Ö	Ö	
	Does the parent/caregiver seem Was the child's caregiver-at-the-tilf yes, what were the results?	impair ime-of-	red at the death as	ne time o sked to c	ouse? ONO, OYES, OUnknown If the investigation? No, Yes, Ounknown Consent to blood/urine for testing? Yes No Ounknown
	Are the clothes of the parent/ca	regiver	· availab	le for ex	amination/viewing? ONO OYes
	If yes, are there stains or other s	ignifica	ant findi	ings? 🔘	No, OYes. If yes, describe:
	Does the parent/caregiver/sibling Yes No Unknown If yes, are they willing to share the	_		_	cent social media or cell phone photos or videos of the child? ting agency? Yes NO INVESTIGATION SUMMARY
1.	Arrival times Law enforcement a	t scene		Death	investigator at scene: Child at hospital:
	Are there any factors, circumstan	nces or	enviror	nmental	concerns about the incident scene investigation that may ented?
3.	Agencies conducting an investigation Death investigator from medical				pply) Child protective services State police
	Other, specify:				_
4.	Indicate date and time this form				
	If more than one person was into	erview	ed, doe	s the info	ormation provided differ? Yes No NA information. (e.g., placed on sofa, last known alive on chair)
6.		terials o	collected	d/eviden	□Additional scene(s) (forms attached) conducted ce logged □Next of kin notified □911 tape obtained
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	Date and time performed:				
	Photos/video provided to the pa	atholog	gist?	○Yes (○No ○ Unknown
8.	Was the family offered grief cou	_			
	Provide "Help For Families" Brock	nure cre	eated at	https://	sudc.org/research-medical-info/help-for-families-brochure
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	Yes	No	N/A
Asphyxia (e.g., evidence of overlying, wedging, choking, nose/mouth obstruction, re-breathing, neck/chest compression, immersion in water)	0	0	0
Sharing of sleep surface with adults, children, or pets	0	0	0
Change in sleep condition (e.g., location, or sleep surface)	0	0	0
Hyperthermia/hypothermia (e.g., excessive wrapping, blankets, clothing, or hot or cold environments)	0	0	0
Environmental hazards (e.g., carbon monoxide, noxious gases, chemicals, drugs, devices)	0	0	0
Unsafe sleep condition for developmental age/ability	0	0	0
Change in diet/appetite	0	0	
Recent hospitalization	0	0	
Previous medical diagnosis	0	0	
History of acute life threatening events (e.g., apnea, seizures, difficulty breathing)	0	0	
History of medical care without diagnosis	0	0	
Recent fall or other injury	0	0	
History of religious, cultural or alternative remedies	0	0	
Potentially lethal natural conditions/illness (e.g., birth defects, known disorders or infections)	0	0	
Prior sibling deaths	0	0	
Sudden/unexpected death before the age of 50 or heart disease (e.g., cardiomyopathy, Marfan or Brugada syndrome, long or short QT syndrome, catecholaminergic polymorphic ventricular tachycardia) among the child's blood relatives (siblings, parents, grandparents, aunts/uncles or first cousins)	0	0	
Previous encounters with police or social service agencies	0	0	
Request for tissue or organ donation	0	0	
Family interested in participating in research studies, if possible	0	0	
Objection to autopsy	0	0	
Pre-terminal resuscitative treatment	0	0	
Signs of trauma/injury, poisoning, or intoxication	0	0	
Suspicious circumstances	0	0	
Other alerts for pathologist's attention	0	0	
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