



## **Reporting of Neonatal Deaths Policy & Procedure**

*Policy# 12-1102-1 Reporting of Neonatal Deaths Policy and Procedure Total Pages=2*

**Purpose:** To have a standardized policy on when neonatal deaths must be reported to the coroner. This is to allow the coroner to accept jurisdiction when appropriate for an investigation into the cause of death.

**Justification:** To have in place a safeguard to avoid a non-report of a neonatal death that may fall under the required Ohio Revised Code of a required reportable death.

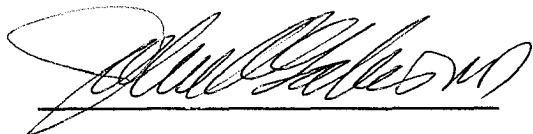
### **Policy:**

1. All deaths that occur outside the hospital
2. All deaths that occur in the hospital *but outside L&D* and/or not attended by physician
3. Deaths of all newborns that have an APGAR score at delivery and/or are resuscitated but die within 24hrs
4. Deaths of potentially viable fetus.
5. Unexpected deaths.
6. Premature births over 23 weeks gestation and/or 500 grams
7. History or suspicion of and/or obvious trauma to mother
8. History of/suspicion of drug or alcohol use by mother
9. Anytime physician/reporter unsure of cause of death

**Notification procedure:**

1. If death meets any of the reporting criteria listed above, the Ross County Coroner must be notified immediately by calling Hospital Paging Center or the Answering Service at 772-7225 or 774-1100.

This policy has been approved and is effect until further notice:

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John A. Gabis, M.D., Coroner

A handwritten date "Nov 2, 2012" written in black ink over a horizontal line.

Date