

Perinatal Confidential Enquiry 2021/22
Placental histology checklist v2.1

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1. Was the following information available to the pathologist?			
Gestational age	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Unable to assess
Birthweight	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Unable to assess
Maternal history	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Unable to assess
Maternal BMI	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Unable to assess
Information relating to previous pregnancies	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Unable to assess
Information relating to previous pregnancy losses	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Unable to assess
2. Were the following noted in the macroscopic description?			
Length of umbilical cord and approximate diameter	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
Site of cord insertion	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
Number of umbilical cord vessels	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
Degree of coiling	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
Appearance of the placental membranes	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
Appearance of the fetal surface	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
Appearance of the maternal surface	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
Weight of trimmed placental disc	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
Measurement of placental disc (in 3 dimensions)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
Appearance of the cut surface	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
Rough assessment of percentage of infarction if present	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Weight of clot if received	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
3. Was there a placenta block key?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
If Yes, was there adequate sampling for histology?			
One transverse section of umbilical cord (preferable two) taken 1 cm above insertion	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
One roll of membranes to include parenchyma	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
At least two full thickness blocks of the placental parenchyma	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
At least one block of any lesion described macroscopically	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
4. Does the report contain a microscopic description of the following?			
Umbilical cord	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
Membranes	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
Villous development (in relation to gestational age)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
Any focal lesions	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Maternal decidua (i.e. maternal vessels)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
5. Does the report contain a clinicopathological comment?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
If Yes, how would you grade the quality of the comment?			
<input type="checkbox"/> Poor	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent

Overall, how would you grade the quality of this placental pathology report?

Poor Satisfactory Good Excellent