

## VPAS identification labelling for perinatal post-mortem examination

### Recommended labelling – one baby identification label and one maternal identification label

#### Do you have a printed label for the baby with the baby's name and date of birth?

The baby's name should be in the format of 'Baby of (mother's name)'.

↓ YES

#### Check the details on the baby label – are they correct?

Does the label have the following?

- Correct baby's name **AND**
- Correct baby's date of birth **AND**
- Correct baby's MRN or UR number, if there is one.

↓ YES

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**NO**

#### Make your own baby labels

- Write the baby's name – 'Baby of (mother's name)' **AND**
- Write the baby's date of birth **AND**
- Write the baby's UR/MRN, if there is one.

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**NO**

It is acceptable to modify a maternal identification label so long as the baby's identifiers replace the maternal identifiers.

#### Now, check the maternal identification label details are correct

- Mother's name **AND**
- Mother's date of birth **AND**
- Mother's UR/MRN.

If there isn't a maternal label available (eg. if the baby was a neonatal inpatient), then one baby label with **all three** baby identifiers is sufficient.

#### Now, label the baby and the paperwork

- 1. Secure one baby label and one maternal label on the baby.** The labels/bracelets must be attached securely to the baby's body; usually around the baby's wrists or ankles. If the baby is very small, the label can be secured around the umbilical cord (between the baby's torso and the cord clamp), or around their chest/ torso (not stuck on clothes or blankets, for example).
- 2. The VPAS consent for perinatal post-mortem examination form** must also be completed with both the details of the baby **AND** the mother. The mother's name and details must also match what is on the death certificate (MCCPD). If they do not match, the post-mortem cannot proceed.