

Standardised Request for the Histopathological Examination of a Placenta

Hospital no: Surname: Forename(s): Address: NHS no: DOB: Ward: Consultant:	Clinical information:	
	Date of delivery	
	Live birth / stillbirth / TOP	
	Sex of baby(babies)	
	Gestation at birth (weeks)	
	Birth weight (g) and centile	

Indication for referral - please tick all relevant below and circle options as appropriate:

- Stillbirth – antepartum / intrapartum/ late miscarriage (>14 weeks)
- FGR (birth weight below 3rd centile)
- Prematurity (<32 weeks)
- Fetal hydrops
- Severe fetal distress (requiring admission to NNU) - Apgar scores: 1' 5' 10'
- Severe early onset (<32 weeks) pre-eclampsia
- Massive placental abruption
- Caesarean peripartum hysterectomy for morbidly adherent placenta
- Abnormal umbilical artery dopplers (absent or reversed end diastolic flow)
- Severe maternal or fetal sepsis
- Chorioamnionitis (suspected or confirmed)
- Miscarriage (14 + 0 – 23 + 6 completed weeks of gestation)
- Monochorionic twins with TTTS.

Please note:

If none of the above have been indicated a macroscopic report will be issued but no tissue will be sampled in accordance with an agreed protocol.

Please inform the reporting pathologist of any specific requirement for microscopy, otherwise the specimen will be retained for a minimum of six weeks prior to disposal.

Any other relevant information:

Section to be completed by delivery suite staff

Placenta request form and specimen checked by:

Print name:

Signature:

Date:

Please ensure specimens are laid flat in an adequately sized container with enough formalin to cover the specimen (preferably 3x the specimen volume).

Containers can be ordered from Cellular Pathology. The link to the supplies order form is:

www.mtw.nhs.uk/gps/pathology/pathology-service-information/ordering-supplies/

The form should be emailed to: mtw-tr.histostains@nhs.net