

Priority Variables: Sudden Unexpected Infant Death (SUID) Cases

National Fatality Review CDR Report Form, Version 6

Note: This list contains variables that primarily come from the birth certificate, death certificate, autopsy report and ME investigation report.

Variable	Question
Section A1	
A2*	Date of birth
A3	Date of death
A5	Race (death certificate)
A6	Hispanic or Latino origin?
A13	Child had disability or chronic illness?
A15	Child's health insurance
A24	Open CPS case at time of death?
Section A3	
A44	Gestational age
A45	Birth weight
A50	Prenatal care provided during pregnancy?
A54*	Did the childbearing parent use any medications, drugs or other substances during pregnancy?
A55*	Was the infant/fetus born drug exposed?
A56*	Did the infant have neonatal abstinence syndrome?
A62	Did childbearing parent smoke at any time during pregnancy?
A66	Was infant ever breastfed?
A67	Abnormal newborn screening results?
A73	What did infant have for his/her last meal?
Section C – responses may be in Section B if biological parent is also caregiver	
C2 (or B4)*	Caregiver age
C7 (or B6)*	Caregiver's highest education level attained
Section D	
D16	At time of incident, was supervisor impaired?
Section E	
E3	Place of incident
E12	Child's activity at time of incident
Section F	
F1	Was a death investigation conducted?
	Sudden Unexpected Infant Death Investigation Reporting Form or equivalent?
	Scene photos?
	Scene photos shared with team?
	Scene recreations with doll?
	Was a death scene investigation conducted at the place of the incident?
F5	Autopsy performed?
F6	Any X-ray or other imaging?
F7	Cultures for infectious disease?

	Microscopic or histologic exam?
	Postmortem metabolic screen?
	Vitreous testing?
	Genetic testing?
F8	Toxicology?
Section G	
G2a	Immediate cause of death from death certificate?
G5	Official manner of death
G6	Primary cause of death
Section I2	
I2	Was death related to sleeping or sleep environment?
I2a	Incident sleep place
I2b	(Position) child put to sleep?
I2c	(Position) child found?
I2f	Was there any type of crib, Pack 'n Play, bassinet, bed side sleeper or baby box in home for child?
I2h	Child last placed to sleep with pacifier?
I2j*	Child overheated?
I2k	Child exposed to second hand smoke?
I2l	(Position) child face when found?
I2m*	Child's neck when found?
I2n	Child's airway was unobstructed, partially obstructed or fully obstructed?
I2o	Indicate whether objects in sleep environment were present and whether they obstructed the child's airway
I2r	Child sleeping in same room as caregiver/supervisor at time of death/incident?
I2s	Child sleeping on same surface with person or animal?
I2t	Scene recreation photo available for upload?
Section N	
N11*	Categorization for SUID Case Registry
Section O	
O1*	Inclusion of narrative which briefly summarizes the case

* Case not marked as priority variable in Case Reporting System (no purple or orange star next to variable)