

Figure: Hospital Guidelines for Reporting Live Births, Infant Deaths, and Fetal Deaths

Live Birth

...breathes, or shows any other evidence of life, such as beating of the heart, pulsation of the umbilical cord, or definite movement of voluntary muscle, whether or not the umbilical cord has been cut or the placenta is attached. Heartbeats are to be distinguished from transient cardiac contractions; respirations are to be distinguished from fleeting respiratory efforts or gasps.

Note: Full definition of Live Birth is found in the text.



Fetal Death *
 Death prior to the complete expulsion or extraction from its mother of a product of human conception, irrespective of the duration of pregnancy and which is not an induced termination of pregnancy...

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* A Report of Fetal Death is required when the gestational age is 20 weeks or greater.

