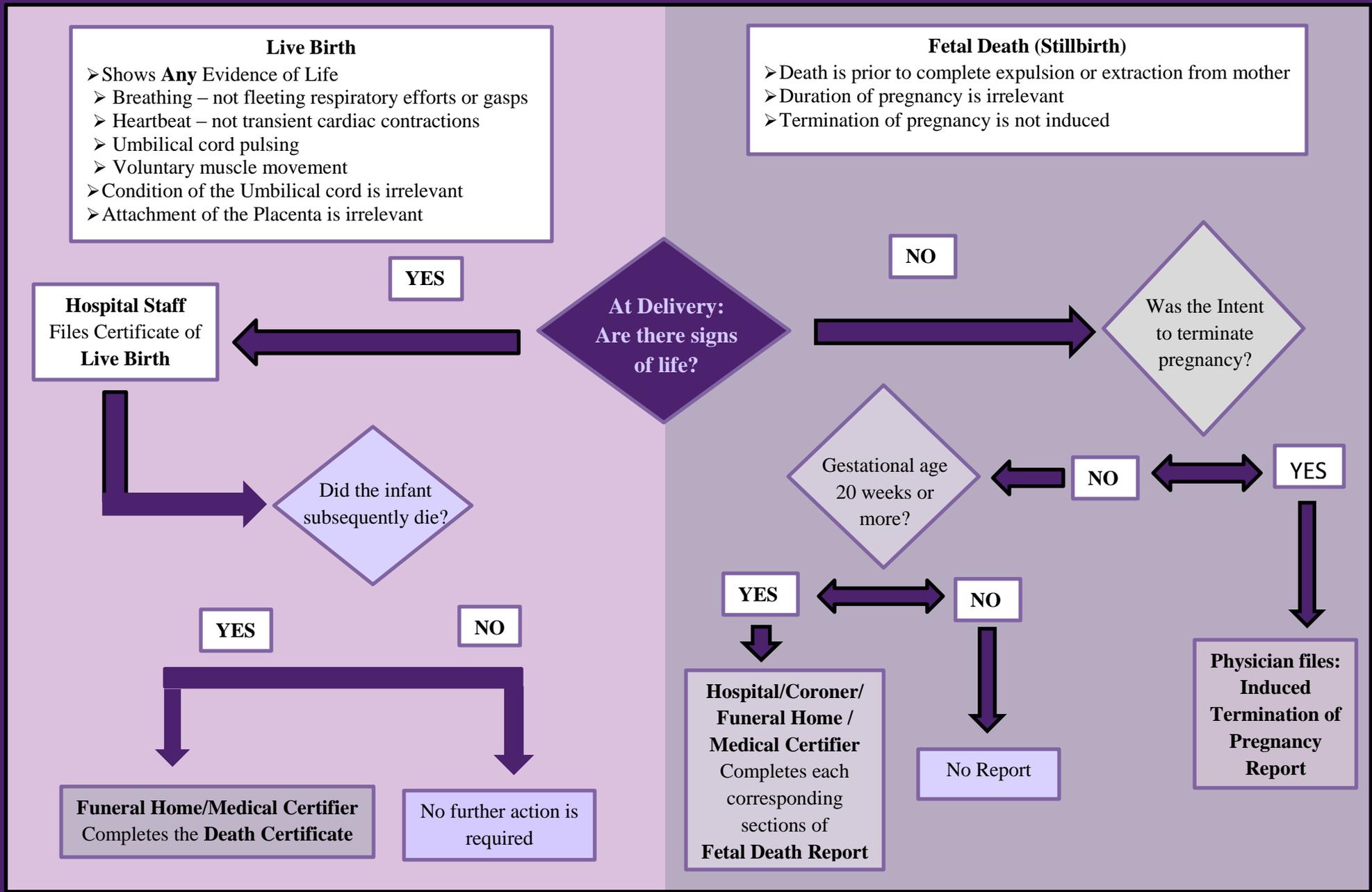


# Guidelines for Reporting Live Births, Infant Deaths, and Fetal Deaths Required by W.S. 35-1-401:431



## Live Birth

- Shows **Any** Evidence of Life
- Breathing – not fleeting respiratory efforts or gasps
- Heartbeat – not transient cardiac contractions
- Umbilical cord pulsing
- Voluntary muscle movement
- Condition of the Umbilical cord is irrelevant
- Attachment of the Placenta is irrelevant

## Fetal Death (Stillbirth)

- Death is prior to complete expulsion or extraction from mother
- Duration of pregnancy is irrelevant
- Termination of pregnancy is not induced

**At Delivery:  
Are there signs  
of life?**

**YES**

**NO**

**Hospital Staff  
Files Certificate of  
Live Birth**

**Was the Intent  
to terminate  
pregnancy?**

**Did the infant  
subsequently die?**

**Gestational age  
20 weeks or  
more?**

**YES**

**NO**

**NO**

**YES**

**YES**

**NO**

**Funeral Home/Medical Certifier  
Completes the Death Certificate**

**No further action is  
required**

**Hospital/Coroner/  
Funeral Home /  
Medical Certifier  
Completes each  
corresponding  
sections of  
Fetal Death Report**

**No Report**

**Physician files:  
Induced  
Termination of  
Pregnancy  
Report**