

SCIENTIFIC WORKING GROUP FOR MEDICOLEGAL DEATH INVESTIGATION

SWGMDI Endorsement of External Publication

CDC Sudden Unexplained Infant Death Training Material

The Scientific Working Group for Medicolegal Death Investigation (SWGMDI) has reviewed two publications of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in regard to sudden unexplained infant death investigation. Both documents, (1) The *Infant Death Investigation: Guidelines for the Scene Investigator* and (2) the *Sudden and the Unexplained Infant Death Investigation Reporting Form (SUIDIRF)* were published by the CDC in 2007.

After review, the SWGMDI endorses these publications as useful tools for improving both the medicolegal death investigation of infants and the consistent surveillance of these deaths in the United States. The SWGMDI recommends that the procedures and practices contained in these CDC publications (listed below) be utilized as *standards* by agencies investigating infant deaths.

The *Infant Death Investigation: Guidelines for the Scene Investigator* is available online at: http://www.cdc.gov/sids/TrainingMaterial.htm

The Unexplained Infant Death Investigation Reporting Form (SUIDIRF) is available online at: www.cdc.gov/sids/SceneInvestigation.htm

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