

NSW Health Pathology and  
The Children's Hospital at Westmead  
are working together to provide the  
NSW Perinatal Postmortem Service.

We respond to the needs of the  
hundreds of NSW families who sadly  
are affected by the death of their baby  
shortly after or before birth.

This important new statewide service  
provides timely and highly specialised  
support, focused on compassionate  
care at this most difficult time.



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# NSW Perinatal Postmortem Service

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Supporting families  
and professionals

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The NSW Perinatal Postmortem Service provides expert non-coronial perinatal postmortem services, and a range of ancillary tests, from three specialist centres in Westmead, Randwick and Newcastle.

Non-coronial postmortems are usually carried out at the request of the family, whereas coronial postmortems are requested by a coroner.

Families who choose a perinatal postmortem examination are supported with compassionate care.

They are guided through consultation with relevant healthcare teams at this most difficult time.

Our dedicated Care Coordinator connects families with a perinatal pathologist to help answer questions and explain the types of tests involved.

We ensure individual cultural and religious needs are met and step families through the consent process, along with the documentation required, carefully and respectfully.

Our highly qualified experts adhere to strict ethical standards of care and provide families with the information they need in a way that suits them.

Our service provides the highest quality care by also supporting healthcare professionals.

We consult and work with the clinical treating team to determine if our service will be of benefit.

Once the family has chosen to proceed, we help referrers to coordinate the postmortem process.

We connect the team with the perinatal pathologist and provide a central point of contact for advice on the relevant guidelines and procedures.

Further support can be provided to help coordinate transport options and funeral directors.

We consult teams on the presentation of case findings at clinical review meetings to help improve care and support for future cases.

In cases where it's recommended a report be made to a coroner, we can also provide advice and guidance on the process.

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