



What is a Stillbirth?

A stillbirth is the delivery of a baby who has died, and is greater than 20 weeks gestation. In about half of all stillbirths, a cause for the baby's death can be discovered after evaluating the baby. It is possible for the baby to have birth defects, or problems with the placenta or umbilical cord. Another cause can be found in maternal circumstances such as an illness or recreational drug use. Unfortunately, for many stillbirths, the cause for the baby's death can remain undetermined. Stillbirth cannot be predicted, nor can we predict whom it will affect.