

## **UHS Fetal Demise and Infant Death Bereavement Coordinators**

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## Disclosure statement

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- *“Bereaved parents never forget the understanding, respect, and genuine warmth they received from caregivers, which can become as lasting and important as any other memories of their lost pregnancy or their baby’s brief life.”*

• I.G.Leon



## Background of Program

**Where we came from.....**



## Program Development

- Resources
- Brainstorming
- Operational Support
- Policy development
- Staff education
- Staff support
- Patient/family bereavement



## UHS Leadership support

- Shawn Conrad BSN, RN, RNC-OB, EFM-C
  - Nurse Manager of Labor and Delivery
- Amy Robillard BSN, RN
  - Nurse Manager of ST4/SSU
- Sandra Skorupa PhD, RN, NEA-BC
  - Director of Nursing
- Kay Boland MS, RN, NEA-BC
  - Senior Vice President, Chief Nurse Officer/Chief Operating Officer
- Christina Boyd
  - Vice President, Community Relations

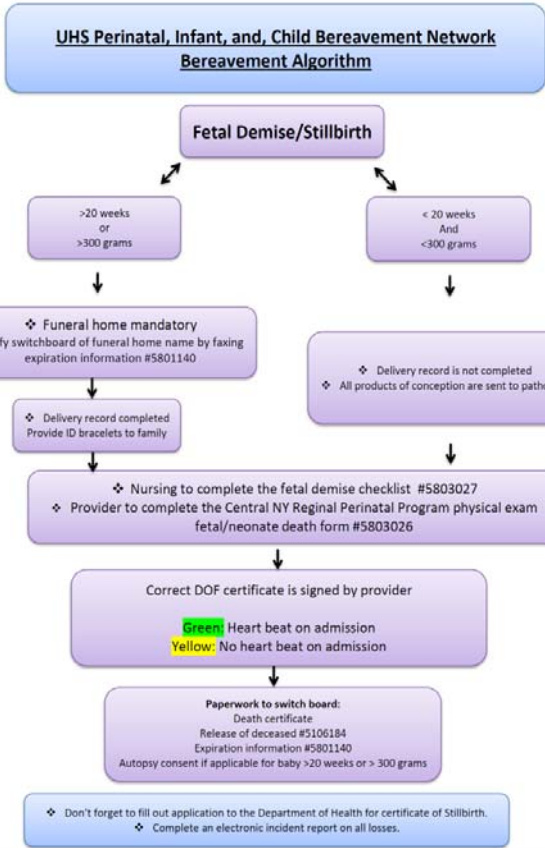


## Operational Support

- Regional Perinatal Coordinator, Jennifer Cross
  - Social workers
  - Nurse Educators
- UHS system wide approach
  - Pastoral care



# Staff Support





# Patient & Family Bereavement



*Grief has no timeline*



**Naming Certificate**

I, \_\_\_\_\_  
herby certify on this day \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
Celebrated a Naming Ceremony for \_\_\_\_\_  
Who was born on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ year \_\_\_\_\_  
at UHS Wilens Medical Center, Johnson City, New York.

\_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_ Name  
In the presence of the undersigned witnesses

Child's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Witness \_\_\_\_\_ Witness \_\_\_\_\_

**Recognition of Life**

This is to acknowledge the life of \_\_\_\_\_  
child of \_\_\_\_\_  
whose life was recognized on \_\_\_\_\_  
at UHS Wilens Medical Center  
Johnson City, New York

Our joys will be greater,  
Our love will be deeper,  
Our life will be fuller,  
Because we shared your moment.

Hospital Staff \_\_\_\_\_ Hospital Chaplain \_\_\_\_\_

**Baptism Certificate**

This certifies that \_\_\_\_\_  
was Baptized in the Name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit  
on \_\_\_\_\_  
at \_\_\_\_\_  
UHS Wilens Medical Center, Johnson City, New York

Minister / Officiant \_\_\_\_\_ Sponsor / Godparent \_\_\_\_\_ Sponsor / Godparent \_\_\_\_\_



# Mementos



## Perinatal, Infant & Child Bereavement Network



## Coping With Perinatal, Infant & Child Loss

Helpful resources from the UHS Perinatal, Infant & Child Bereavement Network



## Lactation After Stillbirth and Infant Loss

Guiding you through the options after the lactation process has begun







# A Walk to Remember

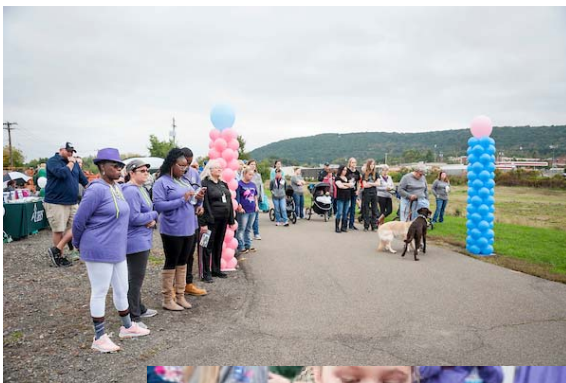


OCTOBER is National Pregnancy and Infant Loss awareness month.

Our mission of this walk is to come together as a community to support each other in grieving and remembering the life no matter how long or short it may be.



- When:** October 6, 2018  
11:00am
- Where:** Vestal Rail Trail  
Everyone can meet by the coal house.
- What else:** We will have a butterfly release, rock painting and resource table. Refreshments will be available.





## Next Steps for our program



- Community Involvement
  - Provider Offices



# Questions?



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