Goals and Objectives  
Sudden Unexpected Death in Infancy  
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Following the lecture, participants should be able to:

Medical Expert

- Define "Sudden Infant Death Syndrome" and understand how it differs from "sudden unexpected death in infancy".
- List risk factors for SUDI.
- Describe the types of infant deaths that require an autopsy and those that do not.
- Give a differential diagnosis for an infant death with a negative autopsy.
- Describe the autopsy protocol for infant deaths (including the common ancillary tests) and understand the rationale for the complexity of these cases.

Communicator

- Understand the importance of gathering historical and clinical information in cases of SUDI.
- Understand the importance of effective communication with the coroner and police when gathering such information.
- Acquire knowledge regarding the accurate and timely communication of autopsy findings to stakeholders following the autopsy.
- Understand the role of the pathologist in formulating medicolegal opinions.
- Appreciate the importance of writing clear and concise autopsy reports.

Collaborator

- Gain an understanding of who makes up the death investigation team in a typical case of SUDI.
- Understand the roles of the various stakeholders (including the pathologist) in a typical case of SUDI.
- Acquire knowledge about provincial multidisciplinary death review committees and how the pathologist may contribute.
Manager

- Understand the autopsy peer review system within the province of Ontario and how it pertains to infant deaths.
- Understand the role of the pathologist as "case manager" in cases of SUDI that come to autopsy.

Health Advocate

- Understand the devastating impact that infant deaths have on parents and other family members.
- Understand the challenges these cases present to law enforcement, first responders and clinical staff.
- Understand the importance of timeliness in all decision-making in these cases.
- Understand the role of the coroner and pathologist in decision-making regarding organ and tissue donation in cases of infant death.

Professional

- Gain an appreciation for the responsibilities held by the pathologist with respect to their interactions with stakeholders in a given case.
- Understand the importance of educating stakeholders about infant deaths in more general terms.
- Understand the limitations of the autopsy and why these limitations must be clearly stated in all communications with stakeholders.

Scholar

- Acquire knowledge on relevant sources of information for reviewing literature pertaining to infant deaths.
- Understand the importance of CME for the forensic pathologist and keeping their knowledge up to date.
- Identify areas within the field of pediatric forensic pathology where knowledge is deficient.
- Identify possible research project ideas in the field of pediatric forensic pathology.