

The National Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Resource Center (NSRC) is sponsored by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau, Health Resources and Services Administration, US Department of Health and Human Services. The NSRC has a web site at <http://www.sidscenter.org> and the Center can provide products and services such as information sheets and publications, annotated bibliographies on SIDS and related topics, the *Information Exchange* Newsletter, and reference and referral services. The mailing address is 2070 Chain Bridge Road, Suite 450, Vienna, VA 22182; phone is (703)821-8955; fax (703)821-2098.

The Armed Forces Institute of Pathology has published a *Histopathology Atlas for the Sudden Infant Death Syndrome* (1993) and is available from the American Registry of Pathology, Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, Washington, DC 20306-6000.

For information on the CDC Guidelines for Death Scene Investigation of Sudden, Unexplained Infant Deaths, please see <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/00042657.htm>

An international autopsy protocol for SIDS-like cases is available at

http://text.kids.nsw.gov.au/files/sudi_isap.pdf

For information about the *SIDS Global Strategy Task Force SIDS Autopsy Protocol*, please see Krous HF, Byard RW. *International Standardized Autopsy protocol for sudden unexpected infant death. Appendix 1. In: Sudden Infant Death Syndrome. Problems, Progress and Possibilities. Byard RW, Krous HF, Eds. London, Arnold. 2001, pp 319-333.*

SUDC is the sudden and unexpected death of a child over the age of twelve months, which remains unexplained after a thorough case investigation is conducted. This must include: examination of the death scene, performance of a complete autopsy, and a review of the child and family's medical history. SUDC is a diagnosis of exclusion - given when all known and possible causes of death have been ruled out. The **SUDC Program** was created in September 2001 as part of the CJ Foundation for SIDS. It has been developed to provide a centralized resource for information, support and advocacy. It serves families and professionals affected by the tragedy of SUDC, and promotes awareness of SUDC in communities. The SUDC Program has created a new brochure entitled: **"Help For Families When An Infant or Young Child Dies"**. The brochure outlines for families in a clear manner how the medical examiner and coroner process works, defines the roles of the professionals that may be involved, provides reasonable time estimates for the investigation process, provides national resources and allows for local resources to be included as well. The brochure is intended to be provided by the investigator during the scene investigation and to be used for all manners of sudden pediatric deaths.