

Department of Psychiatry Perinatal Mental Health Care Coordination

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Title:- LATE LOSS BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

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Policy Statement:

Purpose:

This group is for women who have experienced a recent (within the past year) spontaneous late pregnancy loss or neonatal death. Late loss is defined as 20+ weeks gestational age.

Procedure:

- 1. Referrals from any hospital, clinic, private practice, or self-referral are welcome.
- 2. Referrals should include: patient's full name, telephone number(s), date of recent loss, and gestational age at time of loss.
- 3. All potential recruits are subsequently contacted by telephone in order to clarify the purpose and nature of the group.
- 4. The group meets Mondays (10 a.m. 11:30 a.m.) at Mount Sinai Hospital.
- 5. Contact: Kayli Balaban at 416-586-4800, ext. 8421 or kbalaban@mtsinai.on.ca
- 6. Exclusion criteria:
 - Early pregnancy loss (prior to 20 weeks gestational age)
 - Loss through pregnancy termination