Photographing Infants with Suspected Major Malformations

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Pre-visit Preparations

- Verify that the mother has given consent to take photos of the baby
- Schedule the visit for the early part of the morning so that the baby is alert
- Confirm staff member availability to assist with taking of photos
- Ensure batteries for camera are charged and camera is in working order
- Explain procedures and purpose of the photos to the mother
During the visit

- Ensure that the baby is well fed, happy and comfortable
- Ensure that there is no distractions in the background
- Ensure that there is sufficient lighting
- Ensure minimum use of the flash on the camera so that the baby does not get scared
- Ensure that the environment is warm
- Have staff available to assist to hold the baby in certain positions
- Ensure that the mother is calm and not anxious
During the visit

- Have the guide provided by FHI available for easy reference
- Try to take all photos as quickly as possible to minimize the baby getting agitated
- Minimize movement of the baby
- Ensure the camera is on the correct settings
- Remember sometimes you may need to “zoom in” or “zoom out” to get the best photo
- Take a few photos of each position so the best photo can be selected
After the visit

- Photos are reviewed by the study co-ordinator.

- The best photos are selected and labeled accordingly – using the FHI guide.

- These photos are then uploaded to ATLAS.
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