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# GAIA Level 4 Major Functional Defect

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GAIA Level 4 Major Functional Defect is defined by two criteria: first, at least one of the following requirements must be met: a) For live births, there must be alterations in the functioning of one or more organs or body parts that are not due to a structural defect, that are present at the time of live birth (or propensity to develop alteration present at live birth), and that persist beyond the immediate peripartum period, unless treated through gene therapy or stem cell transplantation; OR b) For stillbirths or spontaneous or therapeutic abortions, there must be alterations in the function of one or more organs or body parts that are not due to a structural defect; second, at least one of the following requirements must be met: a) Documented confirmation in the medical record that the anomaly was present at the time of live birth or at the time of fetal demise, and that the anomaly was diagnosed by a trained maternal or child health care provider who is not a qualified geneticist, neonatologist, pathologist, subspecialist, pediatrician, obstetrician, or family medicine practitioner; OR b) Confirmation by claims data (ICD-9/ICD-10 diagnoses).