

ANP.35025 Forensic Toxicology and Clinical Laboratory Services Phase II

Appropriate forensic toxicology and clinical laboratory services are available for analysis of post-mortem specimens as needed.

NOTE: Testing services must be available on-site or through a referral laboratory for the following tests, where applicable: ethanol, volatiles, carbon monoxide, major drugs of abuse, major acidic drugs, and major basic drugs. Results for carbon monoxide testing must be available in a timely manner. Toxicology testing must be performed in compliance with the guidelines of the Society of Forensic Toxicologists (SOFT) and be accredited by the American Board of Forensic Toxicology (ABFT) or the College of American Pathologists or be a state reference laboratory.

If toxicology testing is requested, information should be provided to the toxicology laboratory for the circumstances surrounding the death and medications taken by the decedent.

Evidence of Compliance:

- ✓ Records of referral laboratory selection

ANP.35050 Radiology and Imaging Services Phase II

Adequate radiology and imaging services are available to allow for radiographs or imaging of the body to be performed and viewed by the pathologists before and during the autopsy as needed.

FORENSIC AUTOPSY PERFORMANCE AND RECORDS

Inspector Instructions:

READ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sampling of policies and procedures for forensic autopsies • Specimen handling policies and procedures for laboratory testing (toxicology, histology, and DNA analysis) and evidence collection • Chain-of-custody procedures (as applicable) • Sampling of final autopsy reports and records
OBSERVE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Autopsy records (organized, readily available) • Copies of national, state, or local guidelines for autopsy performance • Photographic records (as applicable)
ASK <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How does your laboratory ensure prompt retrieval of specimens in cases of delayed death in hospitalized victims? • How are cases with unidentified bodies handled?
DISCOVER <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If problems are identified during the review of autopsy records, or when asking questions, further evaluate the laboratory's responses, corrective actions and resolutions

ANP.36000 Trace Evidence Collection Phase II