

**ANP.33240 Ancillary Testing****Phase I**

**If specimens are collected for ancillary testing, including toxicology, the anatomical site is recorded.**

**Evidence of Compliance:**

- ✓ Records of anatomical collection site used for ancillary testing

**REFERENCES**

- 1) Bell M, et al. Postmortem Microbiologic Testing. In: Collins KA, ed. *Autopsy Pathology and Reporting*. 3rd ed. Northfield, IL: College of American Pathologists: 2017; chap 29.
- 2) Collins KA, et al. Getting the Most Out of the Autopsy: Ancillary Studies. In: Collins KA, ed. *Autopsy Pathology and Reporting*. 3rd ed. Northfield, IL: College of American Pathologists: 2017; chap 28.

**ANP.33350 Final Report Content****Phase II**

**The final autopsy report is reviewed and signed by a pathologist. It contains sufficient information in an appropriate format so that a physician may ascertain the patient's major disease processes and probable cause of death.**

**Evidence of Compliance:**

- ✓ Review of representative autopsy report(s)

**REFERENCES**

- 1) Koponen MA. Autopsy Reporting. In: Collins KA, ed. *Autopsy Pathology and Reporting*. 3rd ed. Northfield, IL: College of American Pathologists: 2017; chap 33.
- 2) Hanzlick RL, et al. The Autopsy Lexicon. In: Collins KA, ed. *Autopsy Pathology and Reporting*. 3rd ed. Northfield, IL: College of American Pathologists: 2017; chap 34.
- 3) Hanzlick, et al. Medical Certification of Death Statements. In: Collins KA, ed. *Autopsy Pathology and Reporting*. 3rd ed. Northfield, IL: College of American Pathologists: 2017; chap 35.

**ANP.33380 Photograph/Digital Image Labeling and Storage****Phase II**

**Autopsy photographs and/or digital images are labeled and stored in an appropriate manner, using a system to prevent loss (eg, electronic storage system to back up data).**

*NOTE: If an identification photo is taken, the label must be placed in a location that does not obscure the identifying features of the decedent. The record system must allow for the photographs to be easily retrieved.*

**REFERENCES**

- 1) Oliver WR. Considerations for Gross Autopsy Photography. In: Collins KA, ed. *Autopsy Pathology and Reporting*. 3rd ed. Northfield, IL: College of American Pathologists: 2017; chap 30.

**ANP.33400 Autopsy Records****Phase I**

**Autopsy records are organized and readily available for review and are entered into a database to allow for retrieval of cases by diagnosis.**

*NOTE: At the facility's discretion, the database may be a card file, log book, or an electronic record, depending on the size of the database.*

**REFERENCES**

- 1) Koponen MA. Autopsy Reporting. In: Collins KA, ed. *Autopsy Pathology and Reporting*. 3rd ed. Northfield, IL: College of American Pathologists: 2017; chap 33.
- 2) Cooley M, et al. Quality Management in Autopsy Pathology. In: Collins KA, ed. *Autopsy Pathology and Reporting*. 3rd ed. Northfield, IL: College of American Pathologists: 2017; chap 38.

**ANP.33500 Record and Material Retention - Autopsy Pathology****Phase II**

**Autopsy pathology records and materials are retained for an appropriate period.**

*NOTE 1: There must be a written policy for protecting and preserving the integrity and retrieval of autopsy service materials and records. The retention period shall be sufficient for use of the materials in the institution's quality improvement activities (eg, morbidity and mortality*