



NOTE: To assess the appropriateness of performing a hospital autopsy, the department must be familiar with applicable statutes and/or regulations that identify hospital deaths subject to medical examiner or coroner jurisdiction. The department should maintain a copy of applicable statute(s) and/or regulation(s) that identify those deaths that are in the jurisdiction of the medical examiner and/or coroner.

REFERENCES

- 1) Schandl CA, et al. Forensic Pathology. In: Collins KA, ed. *Autopsy Pathology and Reporting*. 3rd ed. Northfield, IL: College of American Pathologists: 2017; chap. 24.

AUTOPSY ROOM

Inspector Instructions:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sampling of temperature checks/logs • Sampling of scale/balance calibration records
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Autopsy room and facilities (clean, sufficient lighting and space) • Photographic facilities • Access to the morgue

ANP.32180 Limited Access

Phase II

Access to the morgue or body receiving and handling areas and autopsy suite is limited and controlled.

NOTE: Family viewing areas, if applicable, must be separate to prevent visual and biohazard exposure to autopsy.

REFERENCES

- 1) Hanzlick RL, et al. Autopsy Facility Design. In: Collins KA, ed. *Autopsy Pathology and Reporting*. 3rd ed. Northfield, IL: College of American Pathologists: 2017; chap 9.

ANP.32200 Adequate Space and Lighting

Phase I

There is sufficient space and the autopsy room is clean and well-maintained, with adequate lighting.

NOTE: The space should be sufficient for the workload requirements of the service. The autopsy room should be dedicated to the performance of autopsies. Other functions (eg, storage teaching, tissue procurement) should not interfere with the safe performance of the autopsy and the cleaning of the facility.

REFERENCES

- 1) Hazlett SO. Perspectives in pathology. The newly designed morgue. *Advance/Lab*. 2000;9(1):10-11
- 2) Hanzlick RL, et al. Autopsy Facility Design. In: Collins KA, ed. *Autopsy Pathology and Reporting*. 3rd ed. Northfield, IL: College of American Pathologists: 2017; chap 9.

ANP.32400 Adequate Storage

Phase II

Provisions are available for satisfactory storage of bodies (refrigeration or embalming).

NOTE: For refrigeration, the temperature should be in the range of 34-40° F (1.1-4.4° C).