



The laboratory has a process for the special handling of autopsies on bariatric patients where the patient size could represent an occupational hazard to autopsy staff.

NOTE: Individual institutions may set their own specific weight or BMI limits for application of the occupational health policy. Institutions may also choose whether to use special equipment for such patients and what type(s) of equipment to use.

REFERENCES

- 1) Aurelius MB. Autopsy safety. In: Collins KA, ed. *Autopsy Pathology and Reporting*. 3rd ed. Northfield, IL: College of American Pathologists; 2017; chap 12.
- 2) Wetli CV. Autopsy safety. *Lab Med*. 2001;32:451-453

FORENSIC AUTOPSY PATHOLOGY

The Forensic Autopsy section is to be used in conjunction with the Autopsy Pathology section and Chain-of-Custody section in the Laboratory General Checklist for inspections of forensic autopsy services rendered in a hospital setting.

GENERAL ISSUES - FORENSIC AUTOPSY

Inspector Instructions:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policies for access to expert forensic consultants • Policies for the use of laboratory and radiology services
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do you access the services of a forensic pathologist and expert consultants as needed? • Where is post-mortem clinical laboratory testing performed?

ANP.35000 Forensic Pathologist and Expert Consultants

Phase II



The laboratory has access to a forensic pathologist and expert consultants, as appropriate for the following types of services:

- Forensic neuropathology
- Forensic dentistry/odontology
- Forensic anthropology
- Radiology

NOTE: References for specialties may be found on the following websites:

- American Board of Forensic Anthropology: <https://www.theabfa.org/active-diplomates-by-name>
- American Board of Pathology: <http://www.abpath.org/verify-certification/>
- American Board of Forensic Odontology: <https://abfo.org/resources/member-directory/>
- American Academy of Forensic Sciences: <https://www.aafs.org/>
- National Association of Medical Examiners: <http://www.thename.org/>