

**Evidence of Compliance:**

- ✓ Records of temperature checks

**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.32450 Scale/Balance****Phase I**

**A scale and/or balance are provided for reliable weighing of organs.**

*NOTE: If infants or fetuses are autopsied at the institution, accuracy of balances to 1.0 gm for infants and 0.1 gm for fetuses must be verified by periodic calibration.*

**Evidence of Compliance:**

- ✓ Record of scale calibration checks and scale in use is appropriate for the types of cases performed

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- 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.
- 2) Tan CD, et al. Autopsy Performance. In: Collins KA, ed. *Autopsy Pathology and Reporting*. 3rd ed. Northfield, IL: College of American Pathologists: 2017; chap 15.
- 3) Conran RM, et al. The Pediatric Autopsy. In: Collins KA, ed. *Autopsy Pathology and Reporting*. 3rd ed. Northfield, IL: College of American Pathologists: 2017; chap 17.

**ANP.32500 Temperature and Ventilation****Phase I**

**Ambient temperature and ventilation control are adequate.**

*NOTE: Airborne infectious agent control requires appropriate ventilation.*

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- 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.32550 Photographic Equipment****Phase I**

**Photographic equipment is available, convenient, and functional.**

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- 1) Belanger AJ, et al. Implementation of a practical digital imaging system for routine gross photography in an autopsy environment. *Arch Pathol Lab Med*. 2000;124:160-165
- 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.
- 3) 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.
- 4) Schoppe C. Photomicrography. In: Collins KA, ed. *Autopsy Pathology and Reporting*. 3rd ed. Northfield, IL: College of American Pathologists: 2017; chap 31.

## AUTOPSY PERFORMANCE AND RECORDS

### Inspector Instructions:



- Sampling of policies and procedures for autopsy performance, intra- and extra-departmental consultations, reporting, and record retention
- Sampling of records of case review/pre-autopsy discussion
- Specimen collection records (as applicable)
- Sampling of final autopsy reports for completeness and pathology review

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Autopsy records (organized, readily available)</li> <li>• Sampling of autopsy slides (quality)</li> <li>• Labeling and storage of photographs</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How does your laboratory ensure prompt retrieval of cases according to diagnosis?</li> <li>• How are autopsy services supervised?</li> <li>• Explain how personal effects found on the body are handled</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If problems are identified during the review of autopsy records, or when asking questions, further evaluate the laboratory's responses, corrective actions and resolutions</li> </ul>

**ANP.33000 Clinical Record Review****Phase II**

**Pertinent available clinical records are reviewed and/or clinical information obtained from the following individuals before conducting the autopsy:**

- **Attending/consulting physician OR**
- **Clinical house staff/fellows OR**
- **Person/agency authorizing the autopsy.**

*NOTE: Ideally the case is discussed with relevant clinicians; however, if this is not possible, medical record review satisfies this requirement. Attempts to contact clinicians should be recorded.*

**Evidence of Compliance:**

- ✓ Records of clinical history in the autopsy report **OR**
- ✓ Records of clinician communication either in the autopsy report or separate record

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- 1) Caruso JL. Communication of Autopsy Results. In: Collins KA, ed. *Autopsy Pathology and Reporting*. 3rd ed. Northfield, IL: College of American Pathologists: 2017; chap 36.
- 2) Koponen MA. Autopsy Reporting. In: Collins KA, ed. *Autopsy Pathology and Reporting*. 3rd ed. Northfield, IL: College of American Pathologists: 2017; chap 33.

**ANP.33025 Patient Identity Confirmation****Phase I**

**The identity of deceased patients is confirmed, using two identifiers, prior to beginning the autopsy.**

**Evidence of Compliance:**

- ✓ Records of patient identity confirmation

**REFERENCES**

- 1) Campbell K, et al. Improving Quality and Safety through Positive Patient Identification. *Healthc Q*. 2015; 18(3):56-60.

**ANP.33050 Autopsy Performance****Phase II**

**All autopsies are performed or supervised by a pathologist who is board certified in anatomic pathology, or possesses qualifications equivalent to those required for certification in anatomic pathology.**