

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.****REFERENCES**

- 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:**

 READ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
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OBSERVE 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Autopsy records (organized, readily available) Sampling of autopsy slides (quality) Labeling and storage of photographs
ASK 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How does your laboratory ensure prompt retrieval of cases according to diagnosis? How are autopsy services supervised? Explain how personal effects found on the body are 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.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

REFERENCES

- 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.
- 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

- 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.