

Autopsy Rotation - Objectives

Professionalism

A. Objectives:

- i. Ability to complete autopsy reports in 30 days (75%) and 60 days (100%) as mandated by the CAP.
- ii. Ability to independently prepare an autopsy report, including list of diagnoses, clinical summary, gross and microscopic descriptions, and a concise clinicopathologic summary which is free (or nearly free) of typos and significant errors
- iii. Ability to maintain patient confidentiality
- iv. Ability to show respect for the body during the autopsy

B. Plan:

- i. First year (or residents on their first rotation) will be expected to complete the adult autopsy reports in a graded manner (with the help of their attending), starting with clinical summary, then clinical summary and gross, then clinical summary, gross, and microscopic and finally, all components, including the final summary. The residents graded involvement will depend upon interest, and ability, as determined by their attending physician

C. Supervision/Assessment:

- i. Objectively, by review of turn-around time of the autopsy report by the resident, tabulated and determined by the Autopsy Director, or a duly appointed designee
- ii. Informally and both objectively and subjectively by the attending pathologist during editing/correction of the autopsy report
 1. Objectively: Competency as determined by 1 major error (discrepancy between notes and final report, discrepancy within report, major omission) in no more than 50% of reports
- iii. Informally, during interactions with the resident during the month by the attending pathologists