

Autopsy Rotation - Objectives

Interpersonal and Communication Skills

A. Objectives:

- i. Development of ability to communicate with clinical teams prior to autopsy (for obtainment of clinical information to supplement review of the medical record), and following the autopsy report (for communication of findings to the clinical team responsible for the patient's care)
- ii. Call clinical team prior to each autopsy; call clinical team upon completion of autopsy and review of all organs (excluding the brain)
- iii. Completion of PAD (provisional autopsy diagnosis) report within 48 hours following the autopsy
- iv. Develop ability to explain pathologic findings to other people

B. Plan

- i. Document on autopsy folder communication (or attempts) with clinical team prior to and after the autopsy
- ii. Presentation of microscopic pathologic findings at conference (once per month) to other residents

C. Supervision/Assessment

- i. The resident's interpersonal and communication skills will be subjectively assessed by the attending pathologists during their rotation