

THE JOHNS HOPKINS ANATOMIC PATHOLOGY SERVICE

<u>Service</u>	<u>Phone (8-5 Weekdays)</u>
Surgical Pathology	5-3580
Cytopathology	5-3520
Autopsy Pathology Reports	5-2490
Autopsy Resident	3-9482

After hours and weekends:
Surgical Pathology Resident on call
(frozens, rushes, etc.)

3-3349

Autopsy on call
5-5020
(paging operator)



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THE JOHNS HOPKINS CLINICAL PATHOLOGY SERVICE

Pathology Customer Service 5-1921
(Patient Laboratory Results 24 hours/day)

<u>Clinical Service</u>	<u>Lab</u>	<u>Beeper (8-5 Weekdays)</u>
Core Lab/Chemistry/ Toxicology	5-1921, option 1	3-3313
Diagnostic Immunology	5-6570	3-3406
Hematology/Coagulation	4-4724	3-3318
Microbiology	5-6510	3-3311
Transfusion Medicine	5-6580	3-3312

After hours and weekends:
Clinical Pathology Resident on call
3-9958



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SAMPLE VERBAL REQUEST FOR POST MORTEM EXAMINATION

"I'm sorry to inform you that your _____ has just passed away (died). We believe that he/she died of _____. However, at our hospital, all families have the right to an autopsy if they so choose. There is no charge for an autopsy for our patients, and the examination will not delay the funeral or interfere with the viewing of the body."

Consent must be obtained from the next of kin, in the following order: 1) spouse/domestic partner; 2) adult child; 3) parent; 4) adult sibling; 5) person acting as a representative of the decedent under assigned authorization of the decedent; 6) appointed guardian. **Medical power of attorney may not provide consent unless he/she is also the closest next of kin.** Any deviation from this order must be cleared through the JHH Legal Office.

If the next of kin is not in the hospital, call the Admitting Office at (410) 955-5600 to obtain fax or telegram consent.



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PROTOCOL FOR AUTOPSY REQUEST

When a patient dies, determine if the Medical Examiner's Office (410-333-3271) must be notified (for questions, contact the Pathologist-on-call). If the ME declines the case, our hospital by-laws require that the family be offered a post mortem examination (autopsy). When you pronounce a patient dead, it is your responsibility to inform the patient's family about their right to a post mortem examination. The following information should be communicated to the family:

- Consent must be obtained from the closest next of kin (see reverse for details).
- The family is not charged for the autopsy.
- The autopsy may confirm the clinical diagnosis or uncover additional contributory causes for the patient's death.
- Findings in the autopsy may have medical significance for family members (e.g. inherited diseases).
- The autopsy contributes toward improved patient care, physician education, and research.
- An autopsy will not delay the funeral or interfere with the viewing of the body.

The forms for autopsy consent are included in the ward death packet. The family may request a copy of the report from Medical Records. Assistance with previous or pending cases (e.g. arranging a gross review) can be directed to the Pathologist-on-call.

Autopsy Resident on call, 410-283-9482 (3-9482)
Admitting office, 410-955-5600 (5-5600)
Autopsy reports, 410-955-2490 (5-2490)