

(Adult)

Postmortem Flow Chart

Obtain Death Forms;
Make appropriate phone calls;
Identify who pronounced death, date, time

Autopsy?

No Autopsy

Requested?
 Yes, refused
 No

Forensic Autopsy

Identification tags and labels
Any hazard labels
Leave medical devices in place
Position hands correctly
Locate personal effects
Insure chain of custody
Locate chart
Secure any lab specimens
Transport to morgue
Refrigerate after medicolegal clearance
Place body face-up

Hospital Autopsy

Consent forms (note restrictions)
Donation forms
Identification tags and labels
Any hazard labels
Leave medical devices in place
Position hands correctly
Locate personal effects and
give to family
Locate chart
Transport to morgue
Refrigerate
Place body face-up