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Private Autopsy Fee Schedule

All private autopsies will be accepted and classified into the following categories at the discretion of the Forensic Pathologists.

Standard autopsy - \$4,000

Postmortem evaluation for general disease processes (coronary artery disease, hypertensive and cardiovascular disease, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, bronchopneumonia, etc.)

Includes the following:

- External examination
- Gross internal examination
- Microscopic examination with hematoxylin & eosin staining as needed
- Special stains as needed (Gram, GMS, Iron)
- Written autopsy report and photographs

Does not include the following:

- Formal neuropathology evaluation (see Neuropathology Consultation)
- Immunohistochemistry (advanced staining for cancer or other complex disease)
- Toxicology analysis

Complicated autopsy - \$5,000

Postmortem evaluation for complex disease processes and situations such as:

- Locally advanced and metastatic cancer
- Infectious disease requiring special precautions (tuberculosis, meningitis, SARS-CoV-2, etc.)
- Other disease processes not routinely encountered by the Forensic Pathologists
- Decomposed, morbidly obese (BMI \geq 40 kg/m²) embalmed, or exhumed bodies

Includes the following:

- External examination
- Gross internal examination
- Microscopic examination with hematoxylin & eosin staining
- Special stains as needed (Gram, GMS, Iron)
- Immunohistochemical staining as needed
- Written autopsy report and photographs

Does not include the following:

- Formal neuropathology evaluation (see Neuropathology Consultation)

- Toxicology analysis

Toxicology analysis

Toxicology analysis and interpretation can be added to the standard or complicated autopsy for additional fees as follows:

- Basic toxicology analysis - **\$250**
- Expanded toxicology analysis - **\$500**
- Special toxicology analysis for substances not included in the basic or expanded toxicology testing panels (heavy metals, novel psychoactive substances, etc.) - **\$750**

Coal Workers' Pneumoconiosis ('Black Lung') Evaluation - \$2,000

Limited postmortem evaluation of the lower respiratory tract and lungs. Includes gross examination, microscopic examination, written report, and photographs. Please note that this evaluation does not guarantee a final diagnosis of coal workers' pneumoconiosis ('black lung').

Neuropathology Examinations

Disease processes restricted to the central nervous system (congenital cerebral abnormalities, multiple sclerosis, neurodegenerative disease, etc.) may warrant a formal neuropathology examination instead of a basic or complicated autopsy. Should this be the case, the Forensic Pathologists will refer clients to the Forensic Neuropathologist for a consultation.

NOTE: Clients are responsible for the cost of decedent transport to and from the William L. Jenkins Forensic Center. Please contact Laura Parsons at 423-439-6788 or parsonsl@etsu.edu for additional information and logistical coordination.