

The Medicolegal Death Investigator Verification Sign-off

INTERACTING WITH FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL AGENCIES

1. Determine jurisdictional responsibility
2. Determine the scope of agency responsibility
3. Report critical data
4. Share critical data
5. Identify support agencies
6. Collect essential agency data
7. Arrange for organ and tissue procurement
8. Certify the death (completing the death certificate)
9. Notify Next-of-Kin

COMMUNICATING

10. Maintain Confidentiality
11. Interact with Law Enforcement Personnel
12. Interact with Funeral Directors
13. Write Narrative Reports
14. Complete Report Forms
15. Use Effective Interviewing Skills (Witnesses)
16. Communicate with the Pathologist
17. Maintain Relations with the Media
18. Notify/Communicate with Treating Physicians
19. Use Proper Telephone Etiquette

INTERACTING WITH FAMILIES

20. Obtain Information
21. Explain Procedures to Families
22. Respect Family Requests
23. Report Findings to the Family
24. Prepare the Family for Identification Viewing
25. Respond to the Family's Reactions
26. Perform an Investigative Follow-Up Interview

INVESTIGATING DEATHS

27. Determine Scene Safety (Public Health)
28. Secure the Scene
29. Validate the Death
30. Identify Human Remains
31. Photograph the Scene and the Body

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INVESTIGATING DEATHS (cont'd)

32. Conduct the Physical Examination
33. Document the Death Scene
34. Write Descriptive Information
35. Draw Specimens
36. Identify Forensic Instrumentation
37. Recognize Manners of Death
38. Investigate Multiple Fatalities

IDENTIFYING AND PRESERVING EVIDENCE

39. Distinguish Between Personal Property and Evidence
40. Ensure Chain of Custody
41. Facilitate Analysis of Evidence

MAINTAINING ETHICAL AND LEGAL RESPONSIBILITIES

42. Maintaining the Dignity of the Deceased
43. Dispose of Unclaimed/Unidentified Remains
44. Provide Testimony
45. Identify Potential Conflicts of Interest
46. Safeguard Personal Property Against Theft
47. Project a Positive/Professional Image

DEMONSTRATING SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE

48. Demonstrate Knowledge of Forensic Pathology
49. Demonstrate Knowledge of Forensic Science
50. Demonstrate Medical Knowledge

COPING WITH JOB-RELATED STRESS

51. Identify the Warning Signs of Stress
52. Identify Appropriate Coping Mechanisms

As trainee, I certify that I have successfully performed all tasks initiated and dated by my performance trainer on this Verification Sign-off sheet.

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SS#: _____ Date: _____

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My Commission Expires: _____

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