



To: Funeral Director \_\_\_\_\_  
 Pending

Name of patient \_\_\_\_\_

Medical record number \_\_\_\_\_

_____	_____	_____
Next of kin	Relationship	Phone number
		_____
		Alternate phone number

Date of death \_\_\_\_\_ Time of death: \_\_\_\_\_

Attending physician and/or physician declaring death \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

For clarification of time of death or attending physicians, call Medical Records.  
 University Tower 559-4024       Clarkson Tower 552-2121

Completed by \_\_\_\_\_

Personal belongings accompanying body _____ _____ _____ _____
Accepted by _____ Witness _____ (Funeral Home Representative)

**FUNERAL HOME INFORMATION FORM**

Original: Pathology

Copy: Funeral Home



PT NAME
MR #

**LEGAL NEXT OF KIN WORKSHEET  
(FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR AUTOPSY)**

Legal next of kin information obtained from: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to deceased: \_\_\_\_\_

**Identification of legal next of kin – priority ranked:**

1. Is (or was) there a spouse?       No       Yes
- Living  
 Deceased  
 Legally Divorced

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

If **Yes** and **living** are selected above the legal next of kin has been identified. Only in extenuating circumstances would any other relative be permitted to authorize an autopsy. See note below on POA.

If there is a spouse but the location of this person is unknown, attempts must be made to locate this person. We cannot accept the adult child's authorization. For any question related to who may authorize an autopsy when there is the *possibility* of a living spouse please contact the staff chaplain on-call.

2. Is there an adult child (19 years or older)?       No       Yes
- Living  
 Deceased

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Parents?**

- Father       Deceased  
 Mother       Deceased

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

**4. Siblings?**

- No       Yes

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:**

The Power of Attorney ceases when the patient dies.  
If someone states they have POA for a living, "legal next of kin" who is unable to make decisions for him/herself or has been declared incompetent, you must obtain written documentation of this fact for the medical record. A copy must also be attached to the authorization for autopsy form.

Please look through the medical record to verify that there is no conflicting information related to legal next of kin. If there is, please follow up with the family and document your findings.

Information obtained by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



PT NAME  
MR #

**A. Coroner's Notification And Release**

Coroner's Case:  Yes  No

Coroner Notified:  Yes  No

Name of Coroner: \_\_\_\_\_

Released by Coroner:  Yes  No

Date/Time Released: \_\_\_\_\_

Employee Interviewed by Coroner: \_\_\_\_\_

**B. Authorization For Autopsy**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

I (We) do request and authorize the physicians in attendance at The Nebraska Medical Center to perform an autopsy on the body of \_\_\_\_\_, and I (we) authorize the removal and retention or use for diagnostic, educational, or scientific purposes of such organs, tissues, and parts as such physicians and surgeons deem proper. When a complete autopsy is performed, all major internal organs are retained in whole or in part for purposes of diagnosis, education, and investigation of disease processes.

This authority is granted for:

Complete Autopsy \_\_\_\_\_ Trunk Only \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

I (We) affirm that I am (we are) the \_\_\_\_\_ (relationship) of the deceased.

Signature of the next-of-kin/relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

**C. Decline Of Autopsy**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Autopsy offered by \_\_\_\_\_ Family member declining autopsy: \_\_\_\_\_

**D. Release To The Funeral Home**

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_

I (We) authorize the body of \_\_\_\_\_ to be released to

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Funeral Home) (City) (State) (Phone #)

Signature of Family Representative (Next-of-Kin Preferred) / Relationship

**E. Receipt By Funeral Home**

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby acknowledge receipt of the body of \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Funeral Home Representative

Signature of Security/Witness

F. EYE Donation Pending

EYE Donation Completed/Declined

\_\_\_\_\_ (Initials)

TISSUE Donation Pending

TISSUE Donation Completed/Declined

\_\_\_\_\_ (Initials)

**AUTHORIZATION FOR AUTOPSY AND  
FINAL DISPOSITION OF DECEASED PATIENTS**

[Patient Label]



### CLINICAL INFORMATION FOR AUTOPSY

This form is to be completed by the clinical staff responsible for signing out the patient. This form is to accompany the Authorization for Autopsy form along with the clinical record to the Department of Pathology and Microbiology.

Attending Service: \_\_\_\_\_

Admission Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Patient has/may have: HIV \_\_\_\_\_ AICD Device \_\_\_\_\_

TB \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Hepatitis A/B/C \_\_\_\_\_

Radioactive Agents Administered: Y / N

Key clinical issues/questions to be addressed at autopsy:

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
M.D. ( )  
Attending physician to be contacted before and after autopsy – Please Print Telephone or pager #

\_\_\_\_\_  
M.D. ( )  
Fellow physician to be contacted before and after autopsy – Please Print Telephone or pager #

\_\_\_\_\_  
M.D. ( )  
Resident physician to be contacted before and after autopsy – Please Print Telephone or pager #