

**USF – College of Medicine
GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION POLICY & PROCEDURE**

Title: Resident Observance of Autopsy and Summative Report		No.: GME-221
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Policy Statement

The USF College of Medicine believes that the use of autopsies is an important tool available to physicians in determining cause of death. To ensure that residents are educated in this tool, all programs will ensure that each new PGY-1 resident observe an autopsy during his/her first year of training. A summative report on the autopsy will be received from each resident and made a part of his/her training record.

Residency programs may elect to use an alternative method of assuring participation/education in autopsies. Programs wishing to implement an alternative method should notify the GMEC in writing for approval.

Procedure

Responsible Party

Action

Program Director

Ensures autopsy observance and subsequent summative report requirement is part of the PGY-1 resident training requirements.

Advises residents on how to get information on autopsies to be performed at affiliated institutions.

Residents

Once autopsy is completed, submits a brief summative report to his/her Program Director detailing patient name, Attending Physician, reason for autopsy, and autopsy findings.

Program Director

Maintains autopsy report for each resident in his/her residency training records.

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