

DIVISION SCOPE OF SERVICE

Division: WEST FLORIDA
Classification: AUTOPSY ASSISTANT
Applicant Name:
<p>Autopsy Assistant: The Autopsy Assistant must have equivalent qualifications, competence and function in the same role as employed individuals performing the same or similar services at the facility, as defined by facility job description.</p> <p>Definition of Care or Service: The Autopsy Assistant performs those functions necessary to assist the pathologist during an autopsy. Scope of Service may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participates in the following safely and efficiently under the guidance of a forensic pathologist: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Preparation of the body and autopsy station for postmortem examination ○ Assist pathologist and pathology resident with paperwork, including autopsy notes ○ Conduct evisceration ○ Assist the pathologist with dissection of the organs and tissues ○ Perform postmortem photography and collection of samples for toxicology or post-mortem clinical testing ○ Assist the pathologist and pathology resident with collection and submission of tissues to the histology laboratory ○ Preparation of the body for pick up by the funeral home. • Demonstrates Clinical and Service excellence behaviors to include code of HCA conduct core fundamentals in daily interactions with patients, families, co-workers and physicians.
<p>Setting(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hospitals: Pathology, Lab, Morgue
<p>Supervision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supervision by the Pathologist <p>Evaluator: Department director or designee in conjunction with supervising Pathologist</p> <p>Tier Level: 2</p> <p>eSAF Access Required: YES</p>
<p>Qualifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High School Diploma/GED or higher <p>NOTE: Where education may not be defined in qualifications area of the Scope, HCA Healthcare requires the highest level of education completed (not training or courses) confirmed on your background check.</p>
<p>State Requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A
<p>Experience:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum experience of 2 years as an Autopsy Assistant
<p>Competencies: The Autopsy Assistant (Diener) will demonstrate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safe and effective operation of pathology equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Maintains equipment in good working order ○ Demonstrates effective infection control practices related to equipment operation • Accurate patient information review and evaluation • Uses at least two ways to identify patients before assisting in a procedure

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- Accurately prepare for autopsies by obtaining patients' medical records and arranging for radiographic examinations and assure legal authorization for autopsy, including coordination of any requests for special specimen sampling such as organ transplantation and/or research
- Photograph the body, organs, microscopic slides and other pertinent materials
- Competently assist with or perform autopsies and surgical specimen examinations under pathologists' supervision
- Assist in performing postmortem examinations including external exam, in-situ organ inspection, evisceration, and organ dissection.
- Properly dissect, examine, weigh and photograph organs and specimens, collect tissue specimens for chemical analysis and record findings
- Appropriately prepare bodies for release to funeral homes following completion of autopsies
- Efficiently clean and maintain autopsy, surgical and other equipment
- Able to operate a microscope.
- Appropriately describes gross features of surgical specimens
- Accurately prepares tissues for processing for light microscopy
- Accurately prepares frozen sections and other samples for studies
- Assure legal authorization for autopsy gross specimens and microscopic slides
- Maintenance of surgical/autopsy pathology protocols, procedures, reports and data
- Coordination of any requests for special specimen sampling such as for organ transplantation and/or research
- Maintains a safe environment
- Infection Prevention
 - Practices consistent hand hygiene
 - Uses personal protective equipment (PPE) when required
 - Required immunizations per Division requirements
 - Complies with Isolation precautions
 - Maintains sterile field

References:

Assistants, A. A. (2010). *WHAT IS A PATHOLOGISTS' ASSISTANT*. Retrieved June 6, 2012, from American Association of Pathologist Assistants: (Clinical Privilege White Paper, 2006)<http://pathassist.org/displaycommon.cfm?an=1&subarticlenbr=35>

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Your signature confirms you will be able to comply with the Qualifications and Competencies listed within this Scope of Service and that you will confirm education via your background check.

Applicant Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____