

AUTHORIZATION FOR AUTOPSY

I hereby authorize The University of Mississippi Medical Center, Jackson, Mississippi, its employees, agents, and representatives to perform a post-mortem examination upon the body

of _____ Date of Birth: _____

The examination includes the removal, retention and/or use of such organs or parts of such organs and tissues as may be deemed proper by the examining physician in the interest of determining the cause of death and in advancing medical knowledge and progress. The examination of the tissues may also include genetic tests.

My relationship to the deceased is that of _____.

I know of no one of closer kin than I, available to assume custody of the body and to provide the disposal of it (if spouse is not signing the permit)

If the nature and extent of the autopsy or the right to remove parts of the body are to be limited in any way, those limitations should be checked below. In the absence of any limitations, it is to be understood that the pathologist who performs the post-mortem examination is the sole judge of the nature and extent of the examination.

This area must be completed. Mark X that applies:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="radio"/> NO RESTRICTIONS (autopsy to include examination of brain, neck, abdomen and chest)<input type="radio"/> RESTRICTIONS<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="radio"/> Limited to individual organs (state organ/organs that are to be examined)<input type="radio"/> _____<input type="radio"/> Limited autopsy (check area to be examined)<ul style="list-style-type: none">Abdomen, neck and thoraxAbdomen onlyThorax onlyBrain only
Special requests: _____

Signature of next of kin _____ Date _____

Phone number/email _____

Witness _____

Witness _____

Physician obtaining consent _____

Physician contact number/ email: _____

§ 41-37-25. Consents required and sufficient

An autopsy may be performed without court order by a qualified physician when authorized by (a) the decedent, during his lifetime, or (b) any of the following persons who shall have assumed custody of the body for the purpose of burial: a surviving spouse, either parent or any person in loco parentis, a descendant over the age of eighteen years, a guardian, or the next of kin. In the absence of any of the foregoing persons any friend of the deceased who has assumed responsibility for burial, or any other person charged by law with responsibility for burial, may give such consent. If two or more persons have assumed custody of the body of an adult for purposes of burial, the consent of one such person shall be deemed sufficient.

In the case of a minor, however, the consent of either parent shall be deemed sufficient, unless the other parent gives written notice to the physician who is to perform the autopsy of such parent's objection thereto prior to the commencement of the autopsy. In the event that neither parent has legal custody of the minor, the guardian shall have the right to authorize an autopsy. The fees provided in this chapter for autopsies in criminal investigations shall not be applicable to this section.

No autopsy shall be held under this section over the objection of the surviving spouse, or if there be no surviving spouse, of any surviving parent, or if there be neither a surviving spouse nor parent, then of any surviving child.

Credits

Laws 1960, Ch. 258, § 9, eff. from and after passage (approved May 11, 1960).

LEGAL NEXT OF KIN

1. The spouse, if one survives
2. An adult son or daughter
3. Either parent
4. An adult brother or sister
5. The guardian of the decedent at the time of time of his death
6. Any other person or agency authorized or under obligation to dispose of the body