

Attachment 12

NCWAS Autopsy Checklist

NATIONAL COAL WORKERS' AUTOPSY STUDY (NCWAS) Checklist

The following items must be complete to insure payment for services and for the autopsy to be included in the NCWAS database.

- _____ Death must have occurred on or after May 14, 1971.
- _____ Case must be received within 180 days of autopsy.
- _____ Deceased must have worked in an underground mine.
- _____ Must include the following articles:
 - _____ 3 blocks of lung tissue
 - _____ 3 stained slides of lung tissue
 - _____ completed and signed Consent, Release, and History Form (CDC/NIOSH 2.6)
 - _____ Social Security Number (optional)
- _____ Signed invoice with statement "No other form of compensation has been received."
- _____ Autopsy protocol must include:
 - _____ heart and lung description and weights
 - _____ heart valve measurements
 - _____ heart ventricular measurements
 - _____ pathological diagnosis
 - _____ cause of death (optional on partial autopsies)
 - _____ clinical summary
 - _____ microscopic examination
 - _____ age, height, and weight
- _____ Chest x-ray (PA) and interpretation made within 5 years prior to death (optional)

