

Attachment 22 –  
NCWAS Autopsy Checklist

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## **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
- \_\_\_\_\_ Radiograph (PA) and interpretation made within 5 years prior to death (optional)