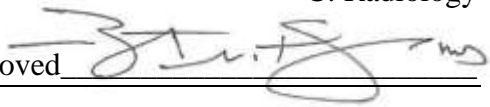


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TITLE: RADIOLOGY

Policy: The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME) is assured adequate supporting services, equipment and facilities to perform autopsy examinations pursuant to DC Code § 5-1403 and 1409.

Purpose: The OCME provides all support or consultative services that may be necessary for the medical examiner to fulfill their responsibility of determining cause and manner of death.

Scope: The following procedures are to assist Medical Examiner physicians.

1. Radiology

1.1. An integral aspect of certain autopsy examinations is the performance of postmortem radiology. The decision for obtaining X-rays is the responsibility of the medical examiner performing the postmortem examination.

1.2. Radiographs are taken in-house by mortuary staff.

1.3. Radiographs are taken using the Lodox or portable Carestream systems.