Specific Goals and objectives for Autopsy Rounds

Supervising resident is responsible for the following:

- Communicate with the hospital autopsy assistants to determine the autopsy cases for presentation, and assign a resident to present each case at least two days before the rounds (manager role).
- Coordinate with the autopsy assistants to ensure that the cases are transferred to the morgue at TOH, and that the histories are available prior to the start of the rounds (professional role).
- Provide supervision and assistance (manager role) to the presenting resident who is guiding the case discussion with leading questions (collaborator and scholar roles). Assist the presenting resident in inviting discussion and elaboration from other residents and other attendees including staff and pathology assistants (Manager and collaborator roles).
- Assist the presenting resident to summarize the correct approach to evaluating the case (communicator role), including gross information that must be reported to ensure a correct and complete diagnosis (health advocate role).
- Assist the presenting resident, who will follow-up the case presentation with a short list of questions related to the autopsy in a format consistent with royal college examination. Topics may include epidemiology of the disease process, recommended treatment, differential diagnoses, and patient outcome (scholar and medical expert roles).
- The supervising resident is responsible for ensuring that the session begins and ends on time (the session is 60 minutes) (professional role).

General CanMEDS Goals and Objectives:

MEDICAL EXPERT

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- Correlate findings with clinical information.
- Convey information effectively.

COMMUNICATOR

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- Discuss cases with members of the health care team correlating the post-mortem findings with pre-mortem clinical evolution.

COLLABORATOR

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS
• Consult effectively with other physicians and health care professionals.
• Contribute effectively to interdisciplinary team activities.
• Understand the importance of contributing to educational/or research endeavors of clinical and laboratory colleagues.

MANAGER

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

• Utilize resources in the morgue and laboratory effectively to achieve accurate diagnosis.
• Allocate finite health care resources wisely.
• Set realistic priorities and use time effectively.
• Demonstrate knowledge of regulations regarding retention of material and reports.

HEALTH ADVOCATE

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

• Understand the specialist’s role to intervene via treating physicians with respect to post-mortem findings that may impact the health of surviving family members.
• Understand the principal of infection control as it pertains to individual, institutional and community prevention of infectious diseases.

SCHOLAR

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

• Develop, implement and monitor a personal CME strategy with respect to continuing medical education as related to autopsy pathology.
• Critically appraise sources of medical information.
• Facilitate learning of house staff, students and other health professionals at rounds.
• Contribute to development of new knowledge.

PROFESSIONAL

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

• Deliver highest quality of expertise with integrity, honesty and compassion.
• Exhibit appropriate personal and interpersonal professional behaviour.
• Practice autopsy pathology ethically consistent with obligations of a physician.
• Demonstrate the knowledge, skills and attitudes relating to gender, culture and ethnicity pertinent to autopsy pathology.

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