

**UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA COLLEGE OF MEDICINE – JACKSONVILLE**  
**Resident Manual**

**BEREAVEMENT CONFERENCES AND AUTOPSY REPORTS**

Autopsy findings are sent directly to the requesting physician. All families should be strongly encouraged to take advantage of this service. A Chaplain is available to assist in these conferences to provide support to the family. Any SHANDS JACKSONVILLE employee or UFHSC-J physician who senses a family's request for an autopsy report is related to possible medical malpractice litigation shall report their suspicion to the Risk Management Office. Reports should be made initially by telephone as soon as one becomes aware of potential litigation. The Risk Manager may request a written follow-up.

If possible, a conference shall be arranged with a physician to discuss the autopsy findings. A medical records release form should be signed by the appropriate family member prior to providing a copy of an autopsy report.