



Virtual Autopsy Consent Form

Date: _____

1. Identification of Decedent

Name of Decedent (Last, First): _____

Date of Birth: _____

Date of Death: _____

Place of Death: _____

Med Assist in Dying (MAID) ☐ Yes ☐ No

Health Card: _____

Version: _____

(For identification only)

2. Authorizing Person

I ((Full Name) _____ bearing the relationship of (in descending order of legal consent) ☐ spouse, ☐ adult son/daughter, ☐ parent, ☐ adult sibling, ☐ grandparent, ☐ grandchild, ☐ uncle or aunt, ☐ nephew or niece, ☐ legal guardian or ☐ executor of the estate, ☐ responsible person (with witness) to the deceased.

I also declare that to my knowledge there is no individual of higher order of legal consent who would object to the performance of a virtual autopsy.

• Have read the Virtual Autopsy Information for the Family (on back if paper). ☐ Yes ☐ No

• Grant permission to perform a virtual autopsy. ☐ Yes ☐ No

• Allow Virtopsy Canada Inc. to use part or all of the results for educational review. ☐ Yes ☐ No

I understand that iGene Digital Autopsy and their radiology unit in the UK prepares the final images and report, and that the actual CT scan is done at Cambridge Memorial Hospital, Cambridge, ON Canada.

3. Virtual Autopsy Restriction

☐ I authorize the use of a CT contrast medium if it is needed as part of the investigation.

☐ I DO NOT authorize the use of a CT contrast medium if needed. I understand that this may limit the amount of useful information obtained and provided in the report.

4. Post-Mortem CT Scan Requisition and Authorizing Physician

A CT scanner is used to scan the decedent and gather the digital images for analysis. To proceed a physician signed CT scan requisition is required by Ontario law in order to proceed with the post-mortem scan. (The form cannot be signed by a chiropractor or any allied medical professional) The signing physician is:

Name of Physician: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

☐ Family physician ☐ Treating physician ☐ other (be specific) _____

5. Authorizing Signature and Witness

Name: _____

Witness: _____

Signature: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____

The images and reports produced by this procedure are private and confidential to the recipient and immediate family of the deceased. Please exercise care and attention if considering sharing or emailing these files outside of this family circle. Virtopsy Canada Inc. assumes no responsibility for information that is shared by the recipient to outside parties.

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Virtual Autopsy Information for Families

What is a Virtual Autopsy (Virtopsy)?

It is an autopsy performed using a CT scanner to see inside the body. The need to cut, dismember or dismantle the body is eliminated. The result are digital images that are interpreted by specially trained radiologists.

Why is it performed?

An autopsy can confirm or determine the cause of death, and identify the nature and extent of any other diseases present. It may also help you to better understand the deceased's illness and cause of death. It may provide information that may be relevant to you and other relatives' health conditions?

Where is it performed?

The actual post-mortem CT scan is done on a modern hospital scanner at Cambridge Memorial Hospital (Cambridge Memorial Hospital, 700 Coronation Blvd, Cambridge, ON N1R 3G2).

Interpretation of digital image data is conducted by forensic radiologists at Digital Autopsy by iGene (30 Watery Street, Sheffield, South Yorkshire, UK S3 7ES).

Where do the results go?

A copy of the report and images are provided to you.

A copy of the report only is provided to the authorizing physician for interpretation and discussion with you.

Why is CT contrast necessary?

Not all cases will require an injection of contrast material. Contrast material helps to delineate the coronary arteries of the heart. In certain individuals who had suffered from heart disease, this is important to assess the extent of any occlusions.

Will a virtual autopsy delay the funeral?

A virtual autopsy will not delay the funeral. It is conducted within a few days and the actual scanning takes 30 minutes or less.

Confidentiality

Only data that is relevant to the performance of the virtopsy is collected.

All information gained from the virtual autopsy is confidential. All medical and virtual autopsy information is communicated only between you, the physician who ordered the CT scan, and those involved in the production of the final report.

Patient files are retained for 10 years as is required by Canadian law.