POSTMORTEM GUIDELINES

TO

MANAGING

VICTIMS

OF

BIO-TERRORISM AGENTS

It is imperative that person(s) removing a body from the ward area, and/or managing it in the postmortem setting, be duly informed about the level of infectivity when the victim expired from a disease managed by droplet, airborne or contact precautions.

The precaution levels follows that victim to his/her grave.

Patients with the following diseases are managed with STANDARD precautions and therefore need no added verbal caution:

- Anthrax
- Botulism
- Tuleremia
- Chemical Agents (after decontamination)

Patients with the following disease are managed with DROPLET precautions, and this MUST be re-iterated to postmortem handlers.

- Plague

Patients with the following disease are managed with AIRBORNE precautions, and this MUST be re-iterated to post-mortem handlers.

- Smallpox