

ARRIVING FORENSIC CONSULT CHECKLIST

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SPECIMEN SHIPMENTS ONLY:

N-LNC Specimen Processing, 2800 Plymouth Rd,
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CSR INSTRUCTIONS

1. All Forensic Consult (Cardiovascular/Heart or Neuropathology/Brain) paperwork must be faxed to MLabs and approved by Dr. Dahl or Dr. Wilson before calling Lab Logistics for pick up. Instruct the caller that we will arrange for transport once paperwork has been received and approved. If we do not receive or are missing part of the paperwork MLabs will contact the client with a follow up request.
2. Once paperwork is received, review the below check list to ensure all items are received and complete.
3. When all paperwork is complete, attach all paperwork and the completed checklist to the Forensic Consult Request outlook template.
4. If there is no response within 30 minutes, call Dr. Dahl's cell phone 901-820-6876 and notify her that a request has been sent for review.
5. Once the case has been approved, request pick up from Lab Logistics. Specimen should be delivered to UH Specimen Processing.
6. Attach all paperwork and the completed checklist to the Forensic Consult Arriving outlook template.

OBTAIN FROM THE CLIENT

Specimen: Heart Brain Other:

Patient Name:

Mother's Name (Fetal/Neonatal Autopsy):

Ordering Clinician Name:

Ordering Clinician Phone #:

SPECIMEN APPROVAL

Screening for Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (CJD) or other transmissible spongiform encephalopathy.

- Was there known or clinical suspicion of prion disease? **If YES Michigan Medicine will not accept the MLabs request for neuropath consultation.**
- Did the patient have symptoms concerning for Prion Disease (Dementia, Ataxia, Psychiatric, Myoclonus, Visual Changes, Extrapyrmidal, Pyramidal)?
If YES, is the time from age of onset to death less than or equal to 1.5 years? **If YES Michigan Medicine will not accept the MLabs request for neuropath consultation.**
- Does the patient have a family history of neurological disorders concerning prion disease (including familial Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease, Gerstmann-Sträussler-Scheinker syndrome, fatal familial insomnia, or familial spongiform encephalopathy)? **If YES Michigan Medicine will not accept the MLabs request for neuropath consultation.**

If YES to any of the above, referral to Case Western Reserve University National Prion Disease Pathology Surveillance Center is recommended.

<https://case.edu/medicine/pathology/>

CHECKLIST: REQUEST AND REVIEW PAPERWORK

- Completed MLabs Forensic Consult for Cardiovascular Pathology/Neuropathology requisition that includes:
 - Requesting clinician name, address, phone number, and fax number.
 - Cause of death information including specific questions to be addressed.
 - Disposition instructions (e.g., return specimens to referring facility after the consultation is completed).
- Signed legal authorization by the decedent's next of kin or other approved entity permitting the autopsy to be performed.