

Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease and other spongiform encephalopathies require special management and processing at autopsy. Guidelines for such cases have been published in several locations including:

Crain B. Safety tips for anatomic studies of possible CJD. *CAP Today* 1996;10(1):56. College of American Pathologists, Northfield, Illinois.

Powers J et al. Practice guidelines for autopsy pathology: autopsy procedures for brain, spinal cord, and neuromuscular system. *Arch Path Lab Med* 1195;119:777-783.

Brown P. Guidelines for high risk autopsy cases: special precautions for Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease. In Hutchins GM (ed). *Autopsy performance and reporting*. College of American Pathologists, Northfield, Illinois. 1990. Pages 68-74.

Brown P, Wolff A, Gajdusek DC. A simple and effective method for inactivating virus activity in formalin fixed tissue samples from patients with Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease. *Neurology* 1990;40:887-890.

Also, the National Cattlemen's Beef Association has an information resource packet regarding CJD, Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE), and new variant CJD (nvCJD). Further information may be found at <http://www.bseinfo.org>.