

The College of American Pathologists (CAP) has prepared several documents related to the autopsy. *Autopsy: Aiding the Living by Understanding Death* is a brochure for health care professionals and the public that answers common questions about the autopsy and explains the potential uses and value of the autopsy. A template for an autopsy consent card is also available that contains suggested wording for requesting permission for autopsy from family members as well as some information about who may give consent. The card can be laminated and of a size to fit in a pocket. A Patient Death Packet is also available (as part of the CAP manual *Cause-of-death Statements and Certification of Natural and Unnatural Deaths*) which contains samples of the various types of forms that may be useful for documenting and processing patient deaths.

Information about these and other CAP products may be obtained by calling CAP at 1-800-323-4040 and selecting option 3 to speak with a customer service/products representative.