Barriers to Post Mortem Genetic Testing

**Death**
- Was an autopsy conducted?
- Were the circumstances witnessed?

**Autopsy**
- How can we make sure there are purple tops on hand when needed?
- When to save a sample? → Guidelines!

**Communication**
- Between family and ME
- Between family and medical providers
- Between medical providers and ME
- Between medical providers and community

**Sample Storage**
- 2-3 months before can be released for testing
- Access to a -20 or -80 freezer

**Sample Shipping**
- Access to dry ice and shipping containers
- Resources for who to send it to and how

**Test Ordered/DNA Banking**
- Who orders the test if ME won’t/can’t
- Payment/Insurance coverage

**Results**
- Connect ME/coroner with a GC for result interpretation & additional test(s) if negative
- If ME orders, need a contact for change in interpretation

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