

## **Informed Consent - Role Play**

### **Case 6 - Chest Pain**

**Physician:** Gerry (Jerry) Ripkin

Your patient, Mr. Schwartz, presented a diagnostic dilemma. He came to the ED with chest pain, and you were pretty sure he had a pulmonary embolus. Studies seemed consistent with that diagnosis and anticoagulant therapy was begun. The patient did poorly and suffered a cardiac arrest; despite intervention he died. You want to obtain the family's (adult child) consent for an autopsy.

**Patient:** Jan Schwartz

Your father came to the hospital with chest pain, obviously very sick. Many doctors care for him, many tests were done, and the doctors told you he had a blood clot in the lung. They were using medication to break up the clot. Your father started having heart problems, and they couldn't save him.

*Note:* An important part of this exercise is for the doctor to ask permission for an autopsy. Your character doesn't see the value of this. It's creepy, it can't bring your father back and he already suffered enough.