

SECTION .0400 - INVESTIGATIONAL PROCEDURES

10A NCAC 44 .0401 UNCLAIMED BODIES

The chief medical examiner shall retain charge or control of an unclaimed body for a period of ten days. During this period, reasonable effort shall be made to locate relatives of the decedent. After the search for relatives has been completed and the required ten day period has passed, each unclaimed body shall be disposed of by cremation. The ashes shall be retained in the control of the chief medical examiner for a period of three years. During this time appropriate family members of the decedent may claim and receive the ashes. At the end of the three years any unclaimed ashes shall be disposed of in an appropriate manner.

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