

MED-EX

Checklist of Antemortem and Postmortem Signs/Symptoms

Table 1: ANTEMORTEM SIGNS & SYMPTOMS

1. Fever
2. Acute encephalopathy or new onset seizures
3. Acute flaccid paralysis or polyneuropathy
4. New-onset jaundice
5. Acute diarrhea
6. New rash or soft tissue lesion
7. Unexplained death
 - Death of an individual <50 years of age where:
 - the past medical history, circumstances, and scene investigation provide inadequate diagnostic insight to establish the cause of death, *and*
 - investigators have been unable to identify one of the signs/symptoms listed above in the absence of a specific etiology.
 - This category includes infants with a SIDS-like presentation.
8. Other

See "Protocol for Evaluating an Infectious Disease Death" and guidelines for "Medical examiner/coroner-based surveillance for fatal infectious diseases and bioterrorism" for additional information regarding this protocol.