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## Is It Important to Have an Autopsy in a Wrongful Death Case Here in New York?

In a wrongful death case in New York how important is it to have an autopsy? You want to know the answer? Come join me for a moment as I share with you some great information. Hi, I'm Gerry Oginski. I'm a New York medical malpractice and personal injury attorney practicing law in the state of New York. For those of you who don't know, an autopsy is a clinical examination of the person who died to try and determine what was the cause of death. Is it important to have an autopsy? Yes. It is always important to have an autopsy provided your religion permits that. Now what's the purpose of an autopsy? We want to establish why this person died. Now if you're thinking of looking at the death certificate to try and determine why the person died, guess what? It's only going to say one thing, that the person died of cardiopulmonary arrest. What does that mean? It means that the heart stopped and the lungs stopped, that's it.

It doesn't get deeper to try and figure out exactly why this person died but now I have to share something really important with you. If you have an autopsy, the results may be a double-edged sword. What do I mean by that? An autopsy result may actually show that absolutely nothing was done wrong. It may turn out that the reason why your family member died had absolutely nothing to do with any improper medical care or carelessness by anybody else. That's what I mean when I say it's a double-edged sword. It may give us very useful information to show that there was wrongdoing. On the other hand, it may show that absolutely nothing was done wrong. Why do I share this great information with you? I share it with you because there are so many people who call me, say listen, my family member just died. Should we go ahead and have an autopsy?

As long as your religion does not prevent you from going ahead and having an autopsy, then it likely will give you tremendous amounts of information about why this person died. The conclusions reached in an autopsy may show that there was nothing done wrong, but at least in that instance, you'll

have the knowledge and information about why this person died. I realize and acknowledge you're watching this video because you likely have questions or concerns about your own particular matter. If your matter did happen here in New York, and you're thinking about bringing a lawsuit, but you have questions that need answers, what I encourage you to do is pick up the phone and call me. I can answer your legal questions. This is something I do every single day, and I'd love to talk to you.

You can reach me at 516-487-8207 or by email at [gerry@oginski-law.com](mailto:gerry@oginski-law.com). That's it for today's video. I'm Gerry Oginski. Have a wonderful day.