



**Categorizing Biological Agents In Post Mortem
Risk Groups
Work Group Update**

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Overview

- Work Group Membership
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Work Group Membership

Ad Hoc Group of DHB Members--

- Dr. George Anderson (Lead)
- Dr. M. Ross Bullock
- Dr. David Hovda
- Dr. Dennis O'Leary

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Study Charge

Part 1 of 2

Seeks to obtain the DHB's concurrence with:

1. Definition of exposure risk postmortem
2. Categorization of postmortem risk groups
3. Use of specific non-weapons of mass destruction bio agents as comparative and benchmark agents
4. Prioritization of future postmortem research involving bio agents

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Study Charge

Part 2 of 2

Seeks to obtain the DHB's concurrence with:

5. Recommendation that bio agents scoring lower than all benchmark agents do not require any additional packaging to safely transport decedents to and through the US
6. Recommendation that bio agents categorized as Risk Group 3 for Transporters do not require any additional packaging to safely transport decedents to and through the US
7. Transporters that handle biologically contaminated decedents that are packaged are not required to wear anything addition than the Standard Precautions for contact hazards

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Meetings and Briefings

- Kick off Meeting 26 June 2012
 - Reviewed and accepted Terms of Reference

- Meeting 20 August 2012

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Way Ahead

- **Next Steps**

- Receive briefings from SMEs
- Review literature and assess best practices
- Present draft recommendation report to DHB in November?

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Questions?

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