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I am currently working on several research projects. The first project that I am finishing up and submitting for publication is the dangers of radiation seeds as they relate to cremation. Should they be removed before cremation and, if not, what dangers do they present to the crematory operator.

The second project, in its infancy stage, is the review of 100 funeral home General Price Lists to compare and contrast prices. My goal is to see if funeral homes are “nickel and diming the public”. What exactly are funeral homes charging for in different states and how do overall prices compare in different markets.

The last project of research is whether or not there have been lawsuits associated with ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) filed against funeral homes. The ADA protects those with disabilities and gives specific requirements for all public buildings for accessibility. Are funeral homes complying with these guidelines and, if not, what are they violating?