

**Chapter 1 : M.S. Forensic Medicine - University of Maryland Graduate School**

*What Does it Mean to Study Forensic Medicine?. Healthcare professionals who specialize in forensics serve as liaisons between law and medical science. The term "forensics" means "pertaining to law," and forensic experts and medical professionals are integral parts of the justice system.*

Natural Undetermined The autopsy also provides an opportunity for other issues raised by the death to be addressed, such as the collection of trace evidence or determining the identity of the deceased. The forensic pathology examines and documents wounds and injuries, both at autopsy and occasionally in a clinical setting. Forensic pathologists collect and examine tissue specimens under the microscope histology to identify the presence or absence of natural disease and other microscopic findings such as asbestos bodies in the lungs or gunpowder particles around a gunshot wound. They collect and interpret toxicological analyses on body tissues and fluids to determine the chemical cause of accidental overdoses or deliberate poisonings. Forensic pathologists work closely with the medico-legal authority for the area concerned with the investigation of sudden and unexpected deaths: They serve as expert witnesses in courts of law testifying in civil or criminal law cases. Forensic physicians, sometimes referred to as "forensic medical examiners" or "police surgeons" in the UK until recently, are medical doctors trained in the examination of, and provision of medical treatment to, living victims of assault, including sexual assault, and individuals who find themselves in police custody. Many forensic physicians in the UK practice clinical forensic medicine part-time, and they also practice family medicine or another medical specialty. Doctors in the UK who are not forensic pathologists or pathologists are allowed to perform medicolegal autopsies, as the wording of the Coroners and Justice Act, which merely stipulates a "registered medical practitioner": Investigation of death[ edit ] Main article: Coroner Deaths where there is a known cause and those considered unnatural are investigated. In most jurisdictions this is done by a "forensic pathologist", coroner, medical examiner, or hybrid medical examiner-coroner offices. Terminology is not consistent across jurisdictions[ edit ] In some jurisdictions, the title of "Medical Examiner" is used by a non-physician, elected official involved in medicolegal death investigation. In others, the law requires the medical examiner to be a physician, pathologist, or forensic pathologist. Similarly, the title "coroner" is applied to both physicians and non-physicians. Historically, coroners were not all physicians most often serving primarily as the town mortician. However, in some jurisdictions the title of "Coroner" is exclusively used by physicians. Canadian coroners[ edit ] In Canada, there is a mix of coroner and medical examiner systems, depending on the province or territory. In Ontario, coroners are licensed physicians, usually but not exclusively family physicians. In Quebec, there is a mix of medical and non-medical coroners, whereas in British Columbia, there is predominantly a non-physician coroner system. Alberta and Nova Scotia are examples of ME systems [2] [3] Coroners and medical examiners in the United States[ edit ] In the United States, a coroner is typically an elected public official in a particular geographic jurisdiction who investigates and certifies deaths. The vast majority of coroners lack a Doctor of Medicine degree and the amount of medical training that they have received is highly variable, depending on their profession e. In contrast, a medical examiner is typically a physician who holds the degree of Doctor of Medicine or Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine. Ideally, a medical examiner has completed both a pathology residency and a fellowship in forensic pathology. In some jurisdictions, a medical examiner must be both a doctor and a lawyer, with additional training in forensic pathology. History[ edit ] In German-speaking Europe, lectures on forensic pathology were regularly held in Freiburg in the mid 18th century and Vienna in Scientists like Auguste Ambroise Tardieu, Johann Ludwig Casper and Carl Liman made great effort to develop forensic pathology into a science based on empirics. Forensic pathology was first recognized in the United States by the American Board of Pathology in Training requirements differ from country to country. Australia[ edit ] There are currently three paths to qualify as a forensic pathologist in Australia. The first is to train solely in forensic pathology although a significant amount of anatomical pathology knowledge is still required and pass two examinations for forensic pathology only. The second is to commence training in anatomical pathology, and complete an initial anatomical pathology examination, which takes a minimum of three years; then go on to

train solely in forensic pathology and complete a forensic pathology examination, which takes a minimum of two years. Residents who wish to become forensic pathologists must then complete a one-year fellowship in forensic pathology. Forensic pathology is a sub-specialty by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons. Three schools that have training programs are the University of Toronto, University of Alberta, and McMaster University. After completion of medical graduation MBBS, one has to complete three years of study and training including thesis research, which leads to award of degree of MD Forensic Medicine. The majority of the specialists are attached to the Department of Forensic Medicine and Toxicology in various medical colleges. The work profile of the specialists includes conducting autopsies and clinical forensic examinations; apart from teaching the medical students. They have to regularly appear in the courts as expert witnesses. A typical department in a government institution conducts to 5, autopsies a year depending upon the jurisdiction. Apart from this the clinical forensic examinations constitute a major part of the work and number of cases can run up to ten thousand a year in an average institution. This association has a specialist member strength of more than Indonesia[ edit ] In Indonesia, forensic medicine, also known as legal medicine "kedokteran kehakiman", is a 3-year specialty program that can be taken directly after completing medical school. It is separate from anatomical pathology and clinical pathology. Upon completion of the program, a forensic medicine specialist will obtain the title Spesialis Forensik, or Sp. He or she may be addressed in public as Dokter Forensik "forensic doctor". Note that there is no pre-medicine program, making the total duration of formal education for one to become a forensic specialist 9 years. Forensic medicine is also a mandatory round during medical school clerkship. Medical students assist the doctors on autopsies, and they may also be allowed to perform an autopsy under supervision, and to witness in the court. United Kingdom[ edit ] In the UK, anatomical pathology is a five-year residency. A specialist training ST post is applied for after the foundation year to enter a training program in Histopathology. Imminent changes as a result of the Tooke report may require two years or more to be fulfilled on general rotational placements before the option of histopathology arises. However, the Royal College have not yet issued their response to this matter. Not all the posts are currently actively training. United States[ edit ] In the United States, forensic pathologists typically complete at least one year of additional training a fellowship after completing an anatomical pathology residency and having passed the "board" examination administered by The American Board of Pathology or The American Osteopathic Board of Pathology "board-certified". Becoming an anatomic pathologist in the United States requires completing a residency in anatomic pathology, which is on-the-job training one must perform upon completing medical school before one may practice unsupervised. Anatomic pathology as it is called by itself is a three-year residency. Generally, the biggest hurdle is gaining admission to medical school, although the pass rate for anatomic and forensic pathology board examinations in the U. The courts do not require American Board of Pathology certification in order for a witness to be qualified as an expert in the field of forensic pathology, and there are several "diploma mills" that give online certificates in the field. The program focuses on the application of medical knowledge to the investigation of crime, particularly in establishing the causes of injury or death. It is unique in that it emphasizes the practical application of forensic medicine to the forensic sciences and crime scene investigation. Particularly, the Forensic Medicine Program focuses on education based in casework "developed by industry-leading professionals currently working in their specialized fields" that students can directly apply to their current or future careers in the forensic sciences, including as a forensic pathologist. The following characters appear in police procedural television series. The following entries are alphabetically by character. Samantha Ryan, the primary character in the British drama series Silent Witness.

**Chapter 2 : Journal of Forensic Medicine- Open Access Journals**

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**Chapter 3 : Forensic science - Wikipedia**

*Forensic medicine is a major factor in the identification of victims of disaster, such as landslide or plane crash. In cause-of-death determinations, forensic pathologists can also significantly affect the outcome of trials dealing with insurance and inheritance.*

Forensic Medicine Forensic medicine deals with the application of scientific medical knowledge to the administration of law, to the furthering of justice, and to the legal relations of the medical practitioner. Forensic medicine addresses the physiology of dying, the cause and time of death, and postdeath phenomena. Practitioners of this branch of medicine assist the law in assessing the liability of medical practitioners in issues including consent to treatment, therapeutic intervention, emergency treatment, legal procedures, tissue and organ removal and transplantation, unnecessary surgery, cosmetic surgery , scientific experimentation, and sexual procedures, as well as questions regarding maternity, paternity, murder, malpractice, the development and gathering of evidence, and the application of statutory law to medicine. Forensic medicine deals with offenses against the person or patient. Practitioners of forensic medicine assist in medical-legal investigations by offering expert opinions to help legally authorized individuals understand the medical implications of pathological examinations, including postmortem examinations autopsies of bodies, tissues, organs, and laboratory specimens. They offer expert scientific opinions on the cause and time of death. They may offer interpretations of DNA genetic tissue analysis. In criminal cases, the coroner often a physician provides investigators and the court expert opinion on wounds, injuries, intoxication, poisoning, infections, and the proper handling of pathologic specimens. Practitioners of psychiatric forensic medicine provide the court with expert opinions on mental illness, diagnosis, treatment, and mental competency, competency to stand trial, and questions regarding responsibility for actions under the law. Experts in forensic medicine make use of medical science to inform the law. They offer opinions on the validity and interpretation of medical examinations and testing. The earliest antecedent of forensic medicine was recorded in the Code of Hammurabi Babylonian Empire, approximately B. Paragraph 19 of that document deals with the matter of compensation for the death of a slave, ostensibly killed by a treating physician. For several thousand years there were no comparable records. Then, in the fourteenth century, physicians began to perform autopsies to investigate the cause of death through careful dissection and examination of the body of a deceased person. The first formal medical-legal inquest into the death of a person in the United States took place in New Plymouth, Massachusetts, in Forensic medicine has come a long way since its inception. Contemporary postmortem examination is an integral part of criminal investigations and involves both gross and microscopic analysis of organs and tissues for the development of legal records and, if indicated, testimony in a court of law. The term forensic medicine is often confused with the term medical jurisprudence. In fact, the terms mean the same thing in some countries. In the United States , the terms are not synonymous. Medical jurisprudence deals with the codes, ethics, and laws that guide the practice of medicine. Forensic dentistry and forensic anthropology are closely related to the field of forensic medicine. Like forensic medicine, they rely on specially trained and experienced practitioners who help to inform the law with interpretations of the results of specialized examinations testing. Year Book Medical Publishing Company, Medico-Legal Implications of Death and Dying: Medicolegal Investigation of Death: Guidelines for the Application of Pathology to Crime Investigation. Pick a style below, and copy the text for your bibliography.

**Chapter 4 : Forensic Medicine Programs at PCOM**

*Forensic medicine is a specialized field of forensic science that combines medicine and law. Practitioners work in government or private sector agencies and use medical and scientific procedures.*

Forensics in antiquity The ancient world lacked standardized forensic practices, which aided criminals in escaping punishment. Criminal investigations and trials heavily relied on forced confessions and witness testimony. However, ancient sources do contain several accounts of techniques that foreshadow concepts in forensic science that were developed centuries later. Song Ci ruled regulation about autopsy report for court, [8] how to protect the evidence in the examining process, the reason why workers must show examination to public impartiality. He realized it was a sickle by testing various blades on an animal carcass and comparing the wound. Flies, attracted by the smell of blood, eventually gathered on a single sickle. In light of this, the murderer confessed. For example, the book also described how to distinguish between a drowning water in the lungs and strangulation broken neck cartilage , along with other evidence from examining corpses on determining if a death was caused by murder, suicide or an accident. In ancient India , [14] some suspects were made to fill their mouths with dried rice and spit it back out. Similarly, in ancient China , those accused of a crime would have rice powder placed in their mouths. It is thought that these tests had some validity[ citation needed ] since a guilty person would produce less saliva and thus have a drier mouth; the accused would be considered guilty if rice was sticking to their mouths in abundance or if their tongues were severely burned due to lack of shielding from saliva. In 16th-century Europe, medical practitioners in army and university settings began to gather information on the cause and manner of death. Two examples of English forensic science in individual legal proceedings demonstrate the increasing use of logic and procedure in criminal investigations at the time. In , in Lancaster , John Toms was tried and convicted for murdering Edward Culshaw with a pistol. She had been drowned in a shallow pool and bore the marks of violent assault. The police found footprints and an impression from corduroy cloth with a sewn patch in the damp earth near the pool. There were also scattered grains of wheat and chaff. The breeches of a farm labourer who had been threshing wheat nearby were examined and corresponded exactly to the impression in the earth near the pool. James Marsh was the first to apply this new science to the art of forensics. He was called by the prosecution in a murder trial to give evidence as a chemist in The defendant, John Bodle, was accused of poisoning his grandfather with arsenic-laced coffee. Marsh performed the standard test by mixing a suspected sample with hydrogen sulfide and hydrochloric acid. While he was able to detect arsenic as yellow arsenic trisulfide , when it was shown to the jury it had deteriorated, allowing the suspect to be acquitted due to reasonable doubt. He combined a sample containing arsenic with sulfuric acid and arsenic-free zinc , resulting in arsine gas. The gas was ignited, and it decomposed to pure metallic arsenic, which, when passed to a cold surface, would appear as a silvery-black deposit. He first described this test in The Edinburgh Philosophical Journal in He noticed a flaw in the bullet that killed the victim and was able to trace this back to the mold that was used in the manufacturing process. The French police officer Alphonse Bertillon was the first to apply the anthropological technique of anthropometry to law enforcement, thereby creating an identification system based on physical measurements. Before that time, criminals could only be identified by name or photograph. Although his central methods were soon to be supplanted by fingerprinting , "his other contributions like the mug shot and the systematization of crime-scene photography remain in place to this day. While working for the Indian Civil Service , he began to use thumbprints on documents as a security measure to prevent the then-rampant repudiation of signatures in Henry Faulds , a Scottish surgeon in a Tokyo hospital, published his first paper on the subject in the scientific journal Nature , discussing the usefulness of fingerprints for identification and proposing a method to record them with printing ink. He established their first classification and was also the first to identify fingerprints left on a vial. Having been thus inspired to study fingerprints for ten years, Galton published a detailed statistical model of fingerprint analysis and identification and encouraged its use in forensic science in his book Finger Prints. He had calculated that the chance of a "false positive" two different individuals having the same fingerprints was about 1 in 64 billion. Juan Vucetich , an Argentine chief police

officer, created the first method of recording the fingerprints of individuals on file. In that same year, Francisca Rojas of Necochea was found in a house with neck injuries whilst her two sons were found dead with their throats cut. Rojas accused a neighbour, but despite brutal interrogation, this neighbour would not confess to the crimes. Inspector Alvarez, a colleague of Vucetich, went to the scene and found a bloody thumb mark on a door. She then confessed to the murder of her sons. A Fingerprint Bureau was established in Calcutta Kolkata, India, in 1897, after the Council of the Governor General approved a committee report that fingerprints should be used for the classification of criminal records. Haque and Bose were Indian fingerprint experts who have been credited with the primary development of a fingerprint classification system eventually named after their supervisor, Sir Edward Richard Henry. Sir Edward Richard Henry subsequently achieved improvements in dactyloscopy. Faurot, an expert in the Bertillon system and a fingerprint advocate at Police Headquarters, introduced the fingerprinting of criminals to the United States. The test represented a major breakthrough and came to have tremendous importance in forensic science. It was developed by Sir Alec Jeffreys, who realized that variation in the genetic code could be used to identify individuals and to tell individuals apart from one another. The first application of DNA profiles was used by Jeffreys in a double murder mystery in the small English town of Narborough, Leicestershire in 1986. A year-old school girl by the name of Lynda Mann was raped and murdered in Carlton Hayes psychiatric hospital. The police did not find a suspect but were able to obtain a semen sample. In 1986, Dawn Ashworth, 15 years old, was also raped and strangled in a nearby village of Enderby. Forensic evidence showed that both killers had the same blood type. Jeffreys was brought into the case to analyze the semen samples. He concluded that there was no match between the samples and Buckland, who became the first person to be exonerated using DNA. Jeffreys confirmed that the DNA profiles were identical for the two murder semen samples. To find the perpetrator, DNA samples from the entire male population, more than 4,000, aged from 17 to 34, of the town were collected. They all were compared to semen samples from the crime. A friend of Colin Pitchfork was heard saying that he had given his sample to the police claiming to be Colin. Colin Pitchfork was arrested in 1987 and it was found that his DNA profile matched the semen samples from the murder. Because of this case, DNA databases were developed. European Network of Forensic Science Institutes. These searchable databases are used to match crime scene DNA profiles to those already in a database. By the turn of the 20th century, the science of forensics had become largely established in the sphere of criminal investigation. Scientific and surgical investigation was widely employed by the Metropolitan Police during their pursuit of the mysterious Jack the Ripper, who had killed a number of prostitutes in the 1880s. This case is a watershed in the application of forensic science. Large teams of policemen conducted house-to-house inquiries throughout Whitechapel. Forensic material was collected and examined. Suspects were identified, traced and either examined more closely or eliminated from the inquiry. Police work follows the same pattern today. Initially, butchers, surgeons and physicians were suspected because of the manner of the mutilations. The alibis of local butchers and slaughterers were investigated, with the result that they were eliminated from the inquiry. Whitechapel was close to the London Docks, [46] and usually such boats docked on Thursday or Friday and departed on Saturday or Sunday. Handbook for Coroners, police officials, military policemen was written by the Austrian criminal jurist Hans Gross in 1893, and is generally acknowledged as the birth of the field of criminalistics. The work combined in one system fields of knowledge that had not been previously integrated, such as psychology and physical science, and which could be successfully used against crime. Gross adapted some fields to the needs of criminal investigation, such as crime scene photography. This Institute was followed by many similar institutes all over the world. Edmond Locard, became known as the "Sherlock Holmes of France". He formulated the basic principle of forensic science: In 1910, he founded what may have been the first criminal laboratory in the world, after persuading the Police Department of Lyon France to give him two attic rooms and two assistants. He remains a great inspiration for forensic science, especially for the way his acute study of a crime scene yielded small clues as to the precise sequence of events. He made great use of trace evidence such as shoe and tire impressions, as well as fingerprints, ballistics and handwriting analysis, now known as questioned document examination. In many of his reported cases, Holmes frequently complains of the way the crime scene has been contaminated by others, especially by the police, emphasising the critical importance of

maintaining its integrity, a now well-known feature of crime scene examination. He used analytical chemistry for blood residue analysis as well as toxicology examination and determination for poisons. He used ballistics by measuring bullet calibres and matching them with a suspected murder weapon. This means that every contact by a criminal leaves a trace. Locard was also known as the "Sherlock Holmes of France". Alexander Lacassagne, who taught Locard, produced autopsy standards on actual forensic cases. Alphonse Bertillon was a French criminologist and founder of Anthropometry scientific study of measurements and proportions of the human body. He used anthropometry for identification, saying each individual is unique and by measuring aspect of physical difference, there could be a personal identification system. He created the Bertillon System around , which was a way to identify criminals and citizens by measuring 20 parts of the body. In , there was over repeat offenders caught through the Bertillon system. Fingerprinting became more reliable than the Bertillon system. Frances Glessner Lee, known as "the mother of forensic science," [57] was instrumental in the development of forensic science in the US. She lobbied to have coroners replaced by medical professionals, endowed the Harvard Associates in Police Science, and conducted many seminars to educate homicide investigators. She also created the Nutshell Studies of Unexplained Death, intricate crime scene dioramas used to train investigators. They are still in use today. Alec Jeffreys invented the DNA profiling technique in Alec Jeffreys pioneered the use of DNA profiling in forensic science in He realized the scope of DNA fingerprinting, which uses variations in the genetic code to identify individuals. The method has since become important in forensic science to assist police detective work, and it has also proved useful in resolving paternity and immigration disputes.

**Chapter 5 : DO/MS in Forensic Medicine | Dual Degree Programs at PCOM**

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Healthcare professionals who specialize in forensics serve as liaisons between law and medical science. The term "forensics" means "pertaining to law," and forensic experts and medical professionals are integral parts of the justice system. Forensic pathologists, doctors, nurses, and technicians use medical principles and scientific procedures to analyze the physical evidence associated with criminal investigations. She does so in the pursuit of societal justice. Healthcare professionals who specialize in forensic medicine serve extremely important roles that require a combination of precise scientific knowledge with a sincere desire to protect their communities. Forensic medicine was first used in the late s in the United Kingdom, to determine whether a death was the result of suicide. Today, forensic medicine demands precision and accuracy. The medical equipment and techniques used by forensic professionals are highly sophisticated, and to pursue a career in forensic medicine, proper training is a necessity. Online courses in forensic medicine can be an opportunity for students to participate in meaningful learning without giving up their careers or personal lives. By completing courses online, participating in virtual training, and communicating with professors and fellow students in chat room settings, online forensic medicine students can participate in higher education without the burden of relocating to a physical campus. Online forensic medicine programs enable students to fuse their healthcare careers with the information, training, and skills necessary to function as essential figures in the justice system. Trends in Forensic Medicine Careers Continued innovation in medical and investigative procedures has led to increased reliance on forensic medicine in the justice system. Department of Labor predicts that overall job opportunities for forensic professionals should continue to grow on par with the national average between the years of and Preparing for Forensic Medicine School Healthcare professionals who specialize in forensic medicine must draw heavily on mathematical and scientific knowledge. Such knowledge is best developed in a forensic medicine degree program. The best degree programs combine math, medical, and science courses with quality hands-on training. Before deciding to enroll in a forensic medicine degree program, it is important that potential students consider several things. First, you should carefully weigh your personal interests and strengths with the requirements of a successful forensic medicine career. Forensic healthcare professionals should generally enjoy detailed, complicated scientific procedures, have an affinity for science and math, and possess a strong commitment to creating a safer society through their work. Second, obtaining a degree in forensic medicine involves intense and advanced studies of biology, chemistry, physics, and mathematics. Students with strong math and science skills should thrive in forensic medicine degree programs. Aspiring forensic medicine professionals should also try to shadow current practitioners in the field. Shadowing involves following a professional around for a day to gain insight into what a job might typically be like. It is also a good idea to discuss your interests in forensic medicine with a professional. He may be able to offer advice, guidance, and ideas about job opportunities in the field. Ask questions about day-to-day job tasks, opportunities for career advancement, or education requirements. This sort of career probing and shadowing helps to paint a more thorough picture of future possibilities in forensic medicine. Once you decide to pursue a career in this field, compare and contrast potential forensic medicine degree programs to find the best fit for you. These variables should be considered carefully. Using this research as a catalyst, you may also be able to generate a list of questions to ask admissions counselors that can assist in your final program selection. The more information you can gather about your forensic medicine degree program options, the better informed your decision can be. Career Education in Forensic Medicine College degree programs in forensic medicine allow students to develop the skills necessary to find employment in this area of healthcare. The choices of degree programs within forensic medicine, however, offer variety and room for advancement. Because advanced computer technology has become more easily accessible to more students, many healthcare schools offer degree programs online. Students engage in online tutorials, web seminars, and interactive

training; hands-on clinical requirements can often be completed at local facilities. Forensic medicine students who participate in distance learning degree programs have the flexibility to schedule their own schedules and course loads around their existing commitments to jobs and family. Forensic Nursing Certificate Programs Forensic nursing programs are worthy options for both new students and current nurses who want to explore a career in forensic medicine. Online forensic nursing certificate programs encourage students to develop the skills that are necessary to assist medical examiners in collecting and testing evidence in an investigation. Students in forensic nursing degree programs may learn about the care of and advocacy for hospitalized crime victims. Developing a focused nursing expertise could translate into advanced employment opportunities. In many online forensic medicine and nursing degree programs, students can transfer completed credits to a more advanced degree program later. Certificate programs vary, and potential students should discuss particular degree programs with school admissions counselors. Browse certificate programs in forensic nursing. Associate Degrees in Forensic Medicine Graduates of two-year associate degree programs can find opportunities in several medical fields that involve forensic work. Many associate degree programs offer courses in forensic science and medicine. Associate degree programs in forensic medicine can be an important requirement for entry-level employment in many medical fields, including medical assisting and lab assisting. An online associate degree program can be an excellent opportunity for students to build a solid foundation of practical knowledge about forensic medicine before committing to a longer degree program or a career. Browse associate degree programs in forensic nursing. Nurses must be familiar with various types of medical illnesses, emergencies, therapies, and procedures. They must also consistently update skills, training, and knowledge. Pursuing a nursing degree is an intense and challenging endeavor. It typically takes students four academic years to complete this program. Some BSN programs give students the option of concentrating on forensic nursing. There are many different types of forensic medicine careers. Often called "medico-legal," most careers in the forensic medicine field combine the legal pursuits of justice and safety with medical pursuits of scientific truth and compassion. Healthcare professionals who work in forensic medicine are truly public servants and play an important role in both the medical and legal communities. Forensic Physician Assistants Forensic physician assistants are qualified to perform many medical procedures independently as they assist medical doctors with advanced surgeries, techniques, and analysis. In many states, forensic physician assistants are licensed to examine victims, carry out investigations, and diagnose forensic related concerns. Forensic physician assistants often work in conjunction with forensic pathologists, medical examiners, forensic toxicologists, and forensic investigation managers. Medical Examiners A medical examiner is often an appointed state officer whose duty consists of investigating and analyzing deaths that fall into certain predetermined categories, such as homicides, suicides, deaths with unknown or suspicious causes, accidents, disasters, sudden deaths, and deaths occurring in jail or prison. Her purpose is to investigate, analyze, certify, and document the circumstances surrounding the death of an individual. It is common for a medical examiner to serve as a medical witness in criminal trials. They perform tests to determine information about the cause of a death, analyzing wounds, injuries, and other evidence of violence occurring as the result of homicide, assault or other malicious actions. In addition, they may also analyze deaths that are the result of accidents, alcohol or drug abuse, or natural causes. Forensic pathologists are often asked to supply testimony and explanations in criminal trials. Forensic Nurses Frequently, forensic nurses serve dual functions. A forensic nurse assists forensic professionals in investigations by running diagnostic tests and researching medical histories of victims. In addition, he provides care and comfort to victims and to the families of victims. It is common for forensic nurses to specialize in working with one type of victim, such as sexual assault victims, trauma victims, or alcohol-related victims. In addition to working in hospitals, forensic nurses also work in the offices of coroners and medical examiners, sexual trauma crisis centers, university medical facilities, and correctional facilities. Crime Lab Directors A crime lab director manages a team of lab technicians analyzing evidence in a criminal case. Working in this field involves performing drug analysis tests on accused criminals and victims, processing fingerprints, comparing DNA samples, performing polygraph tests, toxicology screenings and examining firearms. A crime lab director is often a lab technician with advanced experience and educational training. She manages the processing of evidence, approves

procedures and test results, and monitors the documentation that is relevant to upcoming or ongoing criminal trials. It is not uncommon for a crime lab director to be called as a trial witness to explain the results and tests performed by her lab. Forensic Consultants After gaining experience in forensic medicine, some healthcare professionals transition their expertise into consulting services. Forensic consultants are valuable resources for attorneys, medical examiners, crime lab directors, and other healthcare professionals who may seek a second opinion from another forensic specialist. This is an appealing career alternative for forensic nurses who specialize in sexual assault forensics, trauma forensics, alcohol and drug forensics, or many other areas of forensic medicine. A CFN candidate can apply to take the exam once she has evidence of an educational background in forensic nursing and relevant work experience. If a forensic nurse wants to take this exam before she completes her degree, she may apply to be a part of a special training course. This certification can be attained by many kinds of forensic specialists, including forensic nurses, forensic pathologists, and medical examiners. He must have a strong grasp on forensic medicine and pass an examination. Finally, a Certified Medical Investigator V must be a CMI-IV with five years of related medical, investigative, or forensic experience and pass a final written examination. Forensic Science Associations and Certification Bodies.

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*Forensic Medicine is a multidisciplinary subject and it is defined as the application of medical knowledge to the investigation of crime, particularly in establishing the causes of injury or death.*

### Chapter 7 : Forensic Medicine for Medical Students

*Journal of Forensic Science and Medicine, a publication of China University of Political Science and Law (CUPL), is a peer-reviewed online journal with Quarterly print on demand compilation of issues published.*

### Chapter 8 : Journal of Forensic and Legal Medicine - Elsevier

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### Chapter 9 : Forensic Medicine

*Forensic Science, Medicine, and Pathology presents a balance of forensic research and reviews from around the world to reflect modern advances through peer-reviewed papers, short communications, meeting proceedings and case reports.*