

# Hennepin County Medical Examiner

## Forensic Pathology Fellowship Program

### Requirements

To apply, you must have successfully completed AP-CP training or AP only training at the start of the program. We use the CAP universal fellowship application and fill our position via the Match. Please contact Joan Jung about available openings: joan.jung@hennepin.us.

### Compensation

Hennepin County offers a competitive salary and comprehensive benefits, including:

- Health and life insurance
- Professional indemnification
- Deferred compensation
- Free parking

Up to 20 days paid vacation and holidays with the approval of the Graduate Medical Education (GME) Program Director, plus an additional 5 days at the end of the program.

In addition, disability, vision and dental insurance may be purchased at a reduced group rate, and the fellow will be sent — all expenses paid — to the American Academy of Forensic Sciences meeting in February.

Please contact us for the salary rate for the upcoming academic year.

### About us

The Hennepin County Medical Examiner's Office is the medicolegal death investigation entity serving Hennepin, Dakota and Scott counties — a mixed urban, suburban and rural service area that includes Minneapolis and numerous other towns and cities. Our service area has a population of more than 1.7 million and a geographic area of more than 1,500 square miles.

Training in Forensic Pathology will be on a tutorial system under the direction of Graduate Medical Education (GME) Program Director Rebecca Wilcoxon, M.D., and associates.



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## A year's work includes:

### Scene investigation

The fellow may visit select homicide and non-homicide scenes as directed by the GME program director and/or chief medical examiner. Scene investigation is initially performed under the direction of more experienced staff. Over time the fellow will work independently.

### Case analysis

Experience in case analysis and problem solving is gained in the daily morning physician huddle, when investigative and autopsy data gathered during the prior workday are reviewed, and cases slated for autopsy are previewed. Investigators and supervisors are normally present at the huddle. Any physician can present a difficult case to the group for consultation. The huddle is moderated by the forensic fellow.

### Autopsies on medical examiner's cases

The fellow will have primary case responsibility on the majority of the homicide deaths during the training year, as well as responsibility for many deaths falling under other classifications. Special emphasis will be placed on autopsy technique, photographic documentation, proper evidence collection and handling, and the written protocols used to document the autopsy.

### Conference presentations

He or she will be expected to give occasional talks on subjects of forensic interest in laboratory rounds, along with hospital residents who are taking training in anatomic and clinical pathology. He or she also is expected to make a presentation on a topic of current forensic interest at the annual fall meeting of the Minnesota Coroners' and Medical Examiners' Association.

### Courtroom testimony

The forensic fellow is expected to deliver testimony relative to the medical examiner's responsibilities in grand jury and district court proceedings.

### Toxicology

At no cost to the fellow, they will attend a week-long toxicology training program at NMS Laboratories in Horsham, PA. NMS Laboratories is the laboratory that handle our office's toxicology testing.

### Forensic laboratory subjects

Training is arranged at the ASCLD-certified Hennepin County Sheriff's Crime Laboratory to survey forensic topics, including serology, hair and fiber analysis, DNA, latent fingerprints, ballistics, etc.

### Forensic anthropology

Tutelage under the direction of the office's consulting forensic anthropologist and/or attendance at a forensic anthropology conference will be arranged.



### Forensic odontology tutorial

A three-part didactic, under the direction of a forensic dentist, will be provided on site.

### Weekly didactic series

Staff forensic pathologists run a series for the fellow designed to cover all areas within forensic pathology.

### Special assignment

Arrangements will be made for a week of work (or more) at the Jesse E. Edwards Registry of Cardiovascular Disease in St. Paul, Minnesota.

### For more information please contact:

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