



The County of Los Angeles

Department of Medical Examiner - Coroner

Website Context Update



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Affiliations, Accreditations, and Awards

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Affiliations:

University Hospitals Pathology Resident Training Program

The Department of Medical Examiner-Coroner offers the opportunity for pathology residents from local university affiliated hospitals (USC, UCLA, and others) to train in our office with costs paid by the hospitals. This program fosters positive relationships with university hospitals' pathology departments, and improves the standard of practice of forensic medicine in general, as these pathology residents will be practicing in the community once they complete their training.

Youthful Drunk Driver Visitation Program (YDDVP)

Since 1989, the Medical Examiner-Coroner has participated with the support of the courts in a program of visitation to our facility for youthful drunk drivers (First Offenders) as an alternative form of sentencing. The program continues to be popular with judges and is currently being presented 12 or more times per month.

Tissue Harvesting/Organ Transplantation

This program provides corneas and other tissues to those in need in our community through coordinated efforts with various tissue banks and hospitals. Our medical staff provides consent along with next of kin consent to federally approved organ donation agencies for organ harvesting done at hospitals. In addition, the program makes tissue available to low income and indigent patients at County hospitals at no cost to the patients or hospitals.

Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) Interagency Program

The Department participates in the Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Interagency Council (SIDS), and continues to use the state protocol for autopsies of SIDS/SUIDS cases.

Accreditations

What accreditations and certifications does the Department of Medical Examiner-Coroner have?

The Department of Medical Examiner-Coroner is accredited by the following organizations:

National Association of Medical Examiners (NAME)

Accreditation Council of Graduation Medical Education (ACGME)

California Medical Association-Continuing Medical Education (CMA-CME)

American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors/Laboratory Accreditation Board (ASCLD/LAB)

The Department of Medical Examiner-Coroner is certified by the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST)

For information about accreditation

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Awards:

Recent Departmental Awards

2000:

County of Los Angeles 14th Annual Quality and Productivity Commission Awards Program: Best Innovative Use of Technology “using live-scan technology to fingerprint the dead”

2002:

County of Los Angeles 16th Annual Productivity and Quality Awards Program 2002: Measures of Success Performance Award “N. A. M. E. Accreditation”

County of Los Angeles 16th Annual Productivity and Quality Award Program: Gunshot Residue Program Marketing strategies

2004:

National Association of Counties 2004 Achievement Award Winner: Special Operations response Team (SORT)

National Association of Counties 2004 Achievement Award Winner: Infectious Disease Surveillance of Coroner’s Cases

2007:

County of Los Angeles 21st Annual Productivity and Quality Award Program: Advanced Testing For New Prescription Drugs

2008:

National Association of Counties Achievement Award – “Unclaimed Deceased Military Veteran Disposition Program”

2009:

County of Los Angeles 23rd Annual Productivity and Quality Award Program “Navigating a New Course” Indigent veteran burial program

2010:

County of Los Angeles Countywide Fitness Challenge Department of Coroner Second Place

County of Los Angeles 24th Annual Productivity and Quality Awards Program 2010: Top Ten Award Coroner’s Organ and Tissue Donation Program

2011:

County of Los Angeles Productivity and Quality Award “Department of Coroner Collaborates To Release Cold Case Evidence”

National Association of Counties (NACO) Achievement Award - 2011

For interagency coordinated efforts to release cold case evidence to the appropriate investigating Agency

2012:

County of Los Angeles Productivity and Quality Award “County Image Enhancement Award – Coroner Forensic Training for Marines Program”