

Advanced Skills Tasks for Board Certification Examination

A. Investigating Specific Death Scenes

Investigate drug-related deaths

Investigate child deaths

Investigate motor vehicle deaths

Investigate blunt force deaths

Investigate firearms deaths

Investigate fire deaths

Investigate asphyxia deaths – hanging

Investigate asphyxia deaths – drowning

Investigate asphyxia deaths - mechanical

Investigate asphyxia deaths – chemicals

Investigate sharp force injury deaths

Investigate electrocution deaths

Investigate deaths by therapeutic complications

Investigate deaths involving police action

Investigate toxicological deaths (poison)

B. Investigating Multiple Fatalities

Investigate deaths in plane/train/auto crashes

Investigate weather-related deaths

Investigate bomb-explosion deaths

C. Investigating Atypical Death Scenes

Investigate masqueraded deaths

Investigate media sensitive deaths

Investigate deaths by animals

Investigate deaths from infectious causes

D. Investigating Institutional Deaths

Investigate deaths in custody (wards of the state)

Investigate deaths in extended care facilities (nursing, group homes)

E. Demonstrating Leadership Skills

Demonstrate professionalism by positive role modeling and mentoring

Assume responsibility to recognize and correct deficiencies (procedures/policies)

Maintain high personal performance standards

Demonstrate positive professional interactions with coworkers and colleagues



F. Demonstrating Legal Knowledge

Solicit legal opinions

Demonstrate knowledge of legal procedures

Demonstrate knowledge of unique case problems

Review a death certification

Recognize agency jurisdiction

G. Communicating Skills

Demonstrate interviewing skills

Demonstrate report writing skills

Counsel families regarding autopsy findings and address concerns

H. Demonstrating Advanced Forensic Science Knowledge

Collect data/material for odontology

Collect data/material for anthropology/archeology

Collect data/material for toxicology

Collect data/material for entomology

Conduct postmortem identification

Collect data/material for serology

Collect data/material on ballistics/firearms

Collect data/material for tool marks

Collect trace evidence (latents, alternative light)

Collect data/material using advance photography