



National Association of Medical Examiners

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The National Association of Medical Examiners (NAME)

The National Association of Medical Examiners (NAME) is the professional organization dedicated to death investigation in the United States. The medicolegal death investigation and diagnostic expertise of NAME members is essential to the effective functioning of public health systems, provision of disaster response, and recognition of occupational and community health risks. NAME members provide expert testimony within the civil and criminal justice systems relating to death investigation. NAME and its members are dedicated to quality improvements in medicolegal death investigation and death investigation systems, the advancement of knowledge and enhanced professional and technical abilities.

NAME was founded in 1966 with two purposes: 1) fostering the professional growth of physician death investigators and 2) disseminating the professional and technical information vital to continuing improvement of the medical investigation of unexpected, violent, suspicious, and unusual deaths. Growing from a small nucleus of concerned forensic pathologists, NAME has expanded its scope to include physician medical examiners, coroners, medicolegal death investigators and medicolegal death investigative system administrators. NAME membership is primarily from the United States but has a growing and vital international component as the premier organization dedicated to professional medicolegal death investigation.

NAME seeks to involve competent professional medicolegal death investigators in every jurisdiction in the United States. NAME members participate in the training and education of law enforcement and public officers, health professionals and allied health professionals, paramedical and first responders and numerous other groups and individuals who interface with death cases.

As part of its mission to improve the quality of death investigation, NAME offers a rigorous but voluntary inspection and accreditation program for medicolegal death investigation offices. The program provides expert peer evaluation and recommendations for improvement of death investigation systems. Accreditation by NAME is a significant achievement for an office and indicates that the office has the physical facility and technical expertise to fulfill its critical mission to the public. NAME also offers consultative services for jurisdictions seeking to establish medicolegal death investigation systems and for political entities wishing to evaluate death investigation systems under their administrative purview.



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