

Autopsy	
4-6 months total	
<i>Skill level I (1-3 months - includes general autopsy and forensics)</i>	Competency Fulfilled
Universal precautions (MK, PBL) Demonstrates knowledge of common pathogens that can be transmitted to laboratory personnel, as well as basic safety precautions to be taken in the laboratory, including universal precautions for infectious agents and the role of the pathologist in institutional infection control	
Prosection efficiency (PC) Demonstrates competent autopsy prosection using routine techniques; completes prosection in 3 hours for uncomplicated cases, or 4 hours for complicated ones.	
Prosection quality (PC) Demonstrates ability to perform prosection preserving important anatomic findings and selects and submits tissues that demonstrate pathologic findings so that they may be used for clinicopathologic correlations and teaching.	
Timeliness and Accuracy of Reports (ICS, P) Demonstrates ability to gather clinical information, describes findings and composes properly formatted and comprehensible preliminary and final autopsy reports in a timely manner (24 hrs for PAD and within 30 days for final report.)	
Medicolegal Issues (PC, PBL, SBP) Demonstrates familiarity with rules regarding permission for autopsy and can explain classification of autopsies with special medicolegal status.	
Conference Presentations (MK, PBL, ICS, P) Resident demonstrates proficiency at gross and microscopic photography, presents cases at multidisciplinary conference with clarity & completeness, reaching reasonable interpretive conclusions.	
<i>Skill level II (4- 6 months; senior rotations may be combined with other subspecialty services)</i>	Competency Fulfilled
Advanced Prosection Skills (PC) Demonstrates ability to remove brain and spinal cord; eyes, epiglottis and tongue without injury to important structures	
Advanced Prosection Methods (PC, MK) Demonstrates ability to perform Rokitansky style organ removal, other en bloc resections, and needle biopsies; understands when the techniques are useful.	
Advanced Medicolegal Issues (PC, PBL, SBP) Demonstrates basic understanding of circumstances and principles of medicolegal death investigation, including crime scene investigation and forensic evidence handling. Demonstrates ability to conduct a full forensic autopsy. This will include knowledge of the methods for sampling and handling of tissues and fluids for toxicologic examination	