

Curriculum Vitae
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LICENSURE

Full medical license in the state of North Carolina since 2002

Current active license in N.C. #200200760

CERTIFICATION

Board certified in Anatomic and Clinical Pathology, American Board of Pathology, 2006

Board Certified in Forensic Pathology, American Board of Pathology, 2008

Recertified in Anatomic Pathology, Clinical Pathology, and Forensic Pathology, 2015

PRIOR FORENSIC EXPERIENCE

Testified as an expert witness in Pathology and/or Forensic Pathology in N. C. criminal courts and Federal court in multiple counties more than 300 times

Testified as expert witness in Forensic Pathology and as a Causation expert in civil and criminal court proceedings in North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama, Virginia, Maryland, District of Columbia (Washington DC), Connecticut, Kentucky, Ohio, West Virginia, and Florida

Been deposed on more than 100 cases in civil court proceedings

Performed approximately 4,000 forensic autopsies

Functioned as a N.C. Medical Examiner since 1999 and performed over 10,000 Medical Examiner death investigations and examinations

CURRENT/MOST RECENT EMPLOYMENT AND APPOINTMENTS

Owens Forensic Consulting, PLLC
Owner and Chief Operator/Forensic Consultant- private consults
March 2014 to present

Chief Medical Examiner and Department Director
Mecklenburg County Office of the Medical Examiner, Charlotte, NC
May 2014 to present

Owner and Chief Operator/Forensic Consultant
Db, Owens Forensic Consulting - private consults
January 2008 to March 2014

Forensic Pathologist and Medical Examiner
Mecklenburg County Office of the Medical Examiner, Charlotte, NC
July 2004 to April 2014

Clinical Professor, Forensic Autopsy Instruction
Wingate University Physician Assistant Program
June 2010 to 2018

Forensic Pathologist and Associate Chief Medical Examiner
Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, Raleigh, NC
July 2013 to 2014 (part-time contract position)

CURRENT PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Mecklenburg County ME Office

- Department director and Chief Medical Examiner overseeing the operation of the Mecklenburg County Medical Examiner's Office
- Performance of forensic autopsies and forensic examinations
- Certification of cause and manner of death
- Autopsy facility supervisor
- Regional medical examiner supervisor for surrounding counties
- Consultant to regional county medical examiners
- Training regional medical examiners for NC
- Teaching Wingate University Physician Assistant students
- Member of the Mecklenburg County Child Fatality Prevention Team
- Lecturing
- Testifying in court

Owens Forensic Consulting, PLLC

- Private forensic consultation including review of medical records, autopsy reports, law enforcement records/scene photos, other experts' depositions, radiology studies, toxicology results, histological slide review, death certification/review of cause and manner of death
- production of written reports upon request
- depositions and court testimony as needed
- medical illustration/drawing to help explain complicated injuries or anatomy
- assist attorneys with understanding medical reports/autopsy results and correlating findings with circumstances surrounding death and the proposed mechanisms of injury
- explain difficult topics and medical terminology in a very straightforward and respectful manner in language that jurors can understand

EDUCATION

University of North Carolina School of Medicine
Chapel Hill, North Carolina
M.D. degree, May 1997

University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Charlotte, North Carolina
B.S. in Biology with Honors in Biology, *cum laude*, 1992

PRIOR EMPLOYMENT AND POSTDOCTORAL TRAINING

Forensic Pathologist and Associate Chief Medical Examiner
Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, Chapel Hill, NC
June 2010 to September 2011 (part-time contract position)

Fellow in Forensic Pathology: North Carolina Office of the Chief Medical Examiner and UNC Hospitals, Chapel Hill, NC. July 2003 to June 2004

Assistant Chief Medical Examiner, North Carolina Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, Chapel Hill, NC. July 2000 to June 2004

County Medical Examiner, Orange and Durham County, State of North Carolina, Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, Chapel Hill, NC. April 1999 to June 2004

Chief Resident in Pathology: UNC Hospitals, Chapel Hill, NC. March 2001 to March 2002

Pathology Resident: UNC Hospitals, Chapel Hill, NC. February 1999 to June 2003

Laboratory Consultant (CME and Quality Assurance): John B. Umstead Hospital, Butner, NC and Granville Hospital, Granville, NC. July 1999 to June 2004

Internal Medicine Resident: Wake Forest University North Carolina Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem, NC. June 1997 to November 1998

PRIOR RELATED ACTIVITIES/HONORS

Orange County NC Safe Surrender Implementation Team, 2004

House Officer Excellence Award,
University of North Carolina Hospitals, 2002

Chief Resident in Pathology
University of North Carolina Hospitals, Dept. of Pathology, 2001-2002

Medical Examiner representative to the Orange County Child Fatality
Prevention Team and Community Child Protection Team,
July 2001 to June 2004

Teaching Assistant for UNC School of Medicine Pathology courses,
July 1999 to June 2004

College of American Pathologists Resident Representative, 2001-2002

Medical Education Development Program Tutor, UNC School of Medicine, 1994

PRESENTATIONS

After the Code: Physician Responsibilities in Death Certification
UNC School of Medicine 4th year medical students Transition to
Residency Course
Virtual presentation, March 2022

After the Code: Physician Responsibilities in Death Certification
UNC School of Medicine 4th year medical students Transition to
Residency Course
Virtual presentation, March 2021

When Patients Die: Completion of Death Certificates and the Medical Examiner
System, CMC Emergency Medicine Residency Core Concepts Conference
via Zoom, Charlotte, NC October 2020

The Final Act of Patient Care: Certifying Death and the Medical Examiner
System, Atrium Health Care Emergency Medicine Faculty Conference via
Zoom, Charlotte, NC August 2020

After the Code: Physician Responsibilities in Death Certification
Transition Course presentation to 4th year medical students from UNC-
Chapel Hill at CMC Main Campus
Charlotte, NC March 2020

After the Code: Physician Responsibilities in Death Certification
Transition Course presentation to 4th year medical students from UNC-
Chapel Hill at CMC Main Campus
Charlotte, NC March 2019

Dead Man Walking
2018 Spring Public Defender and Investigator Conference
Charlotte, NC May 2018

Dead Men Do Tell Tales
Monthly MTAC Trauma CME Lecture Series
Charlotte, NC May 2018

Forensic Pathology and the Medical Examiner System
Continuing Legal Education presentation at NC Indigent Defense
Service meeting, Charlotte, NC, October 2015

Investigation of Death and Medical Examiner Jurisdiction
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Forensic Medicine Program, October 2015

Investigation of Death and Medical Examiner Jurisdiction
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Forensic Medicine Program, April 2015

Investigation of Death and Medical Examiner Jurisdiction
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Forensic Medicine Program, October 2014

Investigation of Death and Medical Examiner Jurisdiction
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Forensic Medicine Program, May 2014

Investigation of Death and Medical Examiner Jurisdiction
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Forensic Medicine Program, October 2013

Examination of Forensic Experts in Criminal Cases
NC Advocates for Justice, Advocacy Skills Training Series,
Raleigh, NC, April 2013

Investigation of Death and Medical Examiner Jurisdiction
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Forensic Medicine Program, March 2013

Investigation of Death and Medical Examiner Jurisdiction
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Forensic Medicine Program, October 2012

Investigation of Death and Medical Examiner Jurisdiction
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Forensic Medicine Program, March 2012

Investigation of Death and Medical Examiner Jurisdiction
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Forensic Medicine Program, October 2011

Investigation of Death and Medical Examiner Jurisdiction
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Forensic Medicine Program, March 2011

Blunt and Sharp Force Injuries: Getting the Best Information
ECU Brody School of Medicine Death Investigation Seminar,
December 2010

Medical Examiner Jurisdiction
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Forensic Medicine Program, October 2010

Medical Examiner Jurisdiction
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Forensic Medicine Program, March 2010

The New Mecklenburg County Medical Examiners' Office: Planning a State of
the Art Autopsy Facility
2009 Medicolegal Seminar for the North Carolina Office of the Chief
Medical Examiner, June 2009

Medical Examiner Jurisdiction
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Forensic Medicine Program, March 2009

Blunt Force and Sharp Force Injuries
2008 Medicolegal Seminar for the North Carolina Office of the
Chief Medical Examiner, June 2008

Firearm (Gunshot) Injuries
2008 Medicolegal Seminar for the North Carolina Office of the
Chief Medical Examiner, June 2008

Physical Injury and Evidence Documentation
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Forensic Medicine Program, March 2007

Injury Patterns
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Forensic Medicine Program, March 2006

- Just How “Non-lethal” are these Tasers?
ECU Brody School of Medicine Annual Seminar, December 2005
- Injury Patterns
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Forensic Medicine Program, October 2005
- The Taser, a “Non-Lethal” Weapon and Fatalities
2005 Medicolegal Seminar for the North Carolina Office of the Chief
Medical Examiner, June 2005
- Injury Patterns
Queens University Forensic Nursing Seminar, March 2005
- Medical Examiner Jurisdiction
Queens University Forensic Nursing Seminar, March 2005
- Injury Patterns
Queens University Forensic Nursing Seminar, November 2004
- Blunt Force Trauma
2004 Medicolegal Seminar for the North Carolina Office of the
Chief Medical Examiner, June 2004
- The Forensic Files: An Overview of Forensic Pathology
Duke University Radiology Technicians, Chapel Hill, NC March 2003
- The Pathology of Falls
2002 Medicolegal Seminar for the North Carolina Office of the
Chief Medical Examiner, June 2002
- When Patients Die: A Guide to What Physician’s Need to Know in
North Carolina
UNC Hospitals Executive Committee, August 2000 and
the UNC Graduate Medical Education Committee, April 2001
- The Effects of a Proline Analog on Embryonic Development and
Formation of Mesoglea in *Hydractinia echinata*
Annual meeting of the Collegiate Academy of the North Carolina
Academy of Science, Fayetteville State Univ., March 1992

PUBLICATIONS

- When Patients Die: A Guide to What Physician’s Need to Know in
North Carolina.
University of North Carolina Hospitals Intranet Website. July 2001

Owens, T. D., 1992. Effects of the Proline Analog L-azetidine-2- carboxylic Acid on Embryonic Development and Formation of Mesoglea in *Hydractinia echinata*. CASCAS. 38:9-17

Vick RN, Owens T, et. al., 2000. Urethral Atresia in a Neonate with Alveolar Capillary Dysplasia and Pulmonary Venous Misalignment. Urology. May 1:55(5)

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

National Association of Medical Examiners

REFERENCES

Available upon request

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