

NAME Past Presidents Committee Project:

ME/Coroner Office and Trauma Center Collaboration



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Past Presidents Committee project for 2018

- Multiple projects by this committee since it was established in 1980s.

Including:

-History Project on NAME, and NAME Foundation: collected memoirs, history of ME offices, and system description.

-Published (digital edition) in the Golden Anniversary 2016.

In 2017, the committee recognized that we as NAME members can make a major contribution to the trauma system in the United States, and so conducted a baseline survey.

Baseline where are we in collaboration

- Survey specifically requested of the Medical Examiner or coroner's office where a trauma center is registered.
- There are about 500 trauma centers (Level I and II). Asked how many ME or coroner's office is aware of existing trauma center in their jurisdiction.
- Mostly provide autopsy reports; Request for autopsy sent if asked.
- A few ME office participate in their M&M conference.
- Majority does not have collaborative research or publication together.
- So far, very little effort is made to work with each other. Successful collaborating project requires regular contact. Mutually willing collaboration is required.

Survey's Objective:

- Determine the current status of the collaboration between the Medical Examiner's office and Trauma Centers.

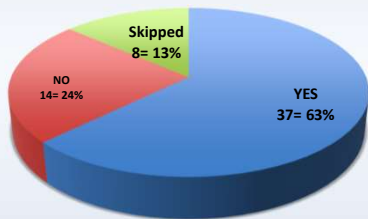
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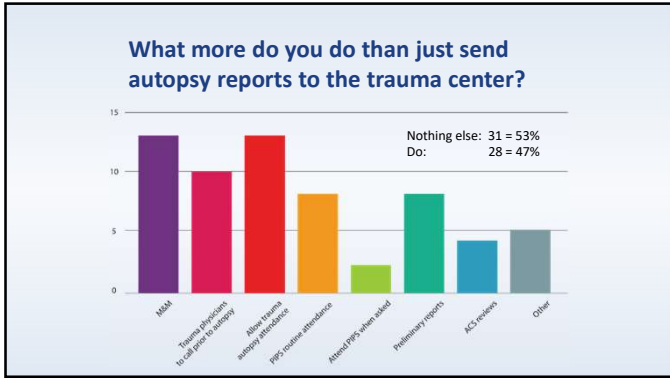
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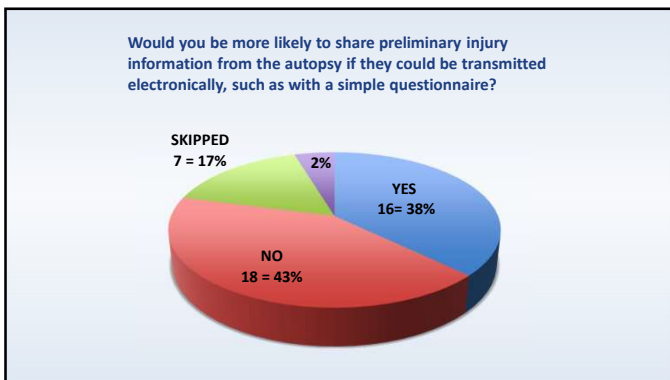
Survey Responses

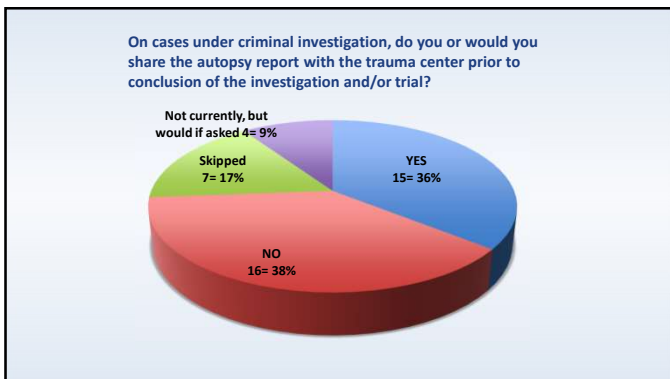
- IDENTIFIED (& complete) 59 = 72%
- UNIDENTIFIED (incomplete) 23 = 28%

Do you regularly collaborate or help with the trauma center in your area ?

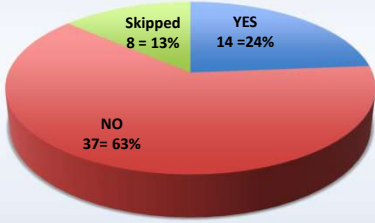




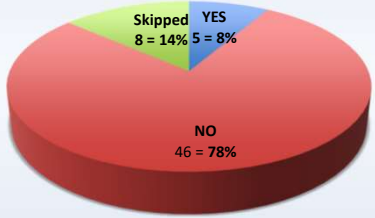




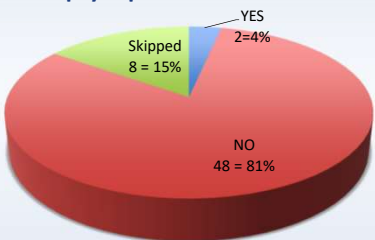
Do you collaborate in research with the trauma center?



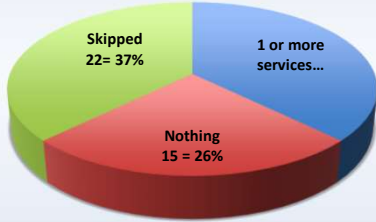
Do you invite trauma surgeons to give educational talks to your staff?



Do you charge the trauma center for autopsy reports?



What does the trauma center do for you?



Baseline of where we are in collaboration

- Survey showed how many ME or Coroner's offices are aware of existing trauma centers in their jurisdiction.
- Mostly provide autopsy reports, request for autopsy sent if asked.
- A few ME offices participate in their M&M conferences.

Baseline Results

- Majority does not have collaborative research or publication together.
- LA County, San Diego County and Harris County, TX
- So far, very little effort is made to work with medical examiner and trauma center. A successful collaborative project requires regular contact. Mutual willing collaboration is required.
