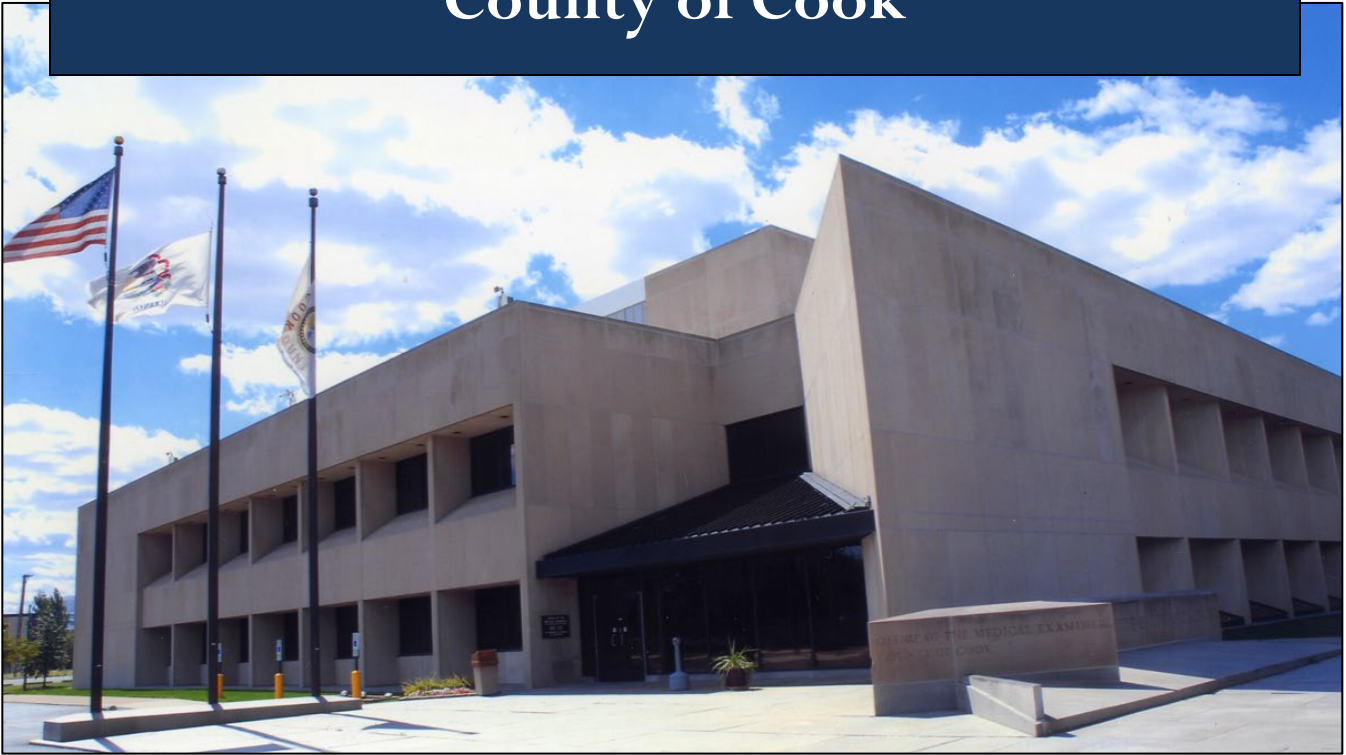


Office of the Medical Examiner County of Cook



The Cook County Medical Examiner's Office (MEO) is the only Medical Examiner system in Illinois and covers Chicago and the neighboring suburbs with a jurisdiction of approximately 5.2 million people. The office handles a wide variety of cases, including overdoses, drownings, homicides, motor vehicle/train related fatalities, undiagnosed natural diseases, environmental exposures, fires, and work-related deaths.

Fellows have their own office, computer, microscope, and earn a salary akin to mini-attending. They receive a comprehensive lecture series, including special seminars on infant head trauma and in-custody deaths. A histology slide series includes common diagnoses, interesting cases, and unknowns to keep up the fellows' microscope skills. Off-site rotations at NMS laboratories and the Illinois State Crime Laboratory help round out the toxicology and forensic science education.

PROGRAM BASICS

Region/Division: East North Central Midwest

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ACGME Code: 3101621035

Participating in 2025 Match: Yes

Number of Fellowship Positions: 3



CCMEO Office Stats

Year Fellowship Established:	1977 (ACGME accredited 1978)
CCMEO Staff:	1 Chief ME, 1 Deputy Chief ME, 14 Assistant MEs, Chief and Deputy Chief Investigators, and numerous forensic technicians, death investigators, grief counselors, and other support staff.
Case Volume:	More than 16,000 reported/year. ~6250 cases/year with a 50-60% autopsy rate.
Imaging Modalities:	Lodox X-ray, mobile CT scanner, and real-time fluoroscopy.
Rotators:	Primarily medical students and pathology residents.
Consultation Resources:	Cardiac and neuropathology services through Northwestern Hospital, other pathology services through Rush University (including ophthalmologic pathology), forensic anthropology, forensic odontology, and radiology. In-house photography and histology services.



Our fellows will get the opportunity to testify as a substitute medical examiner for criminal cases.

Our in-house legal professionals are available to help with courtroom preparation and mock trials (as seen here).