

Who are we?

The Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI) Medical Examiner's (ME) Office provides complete forensic pathology services to 153 of Georgia's 159 counties in deaths which qualify as coroner cases under the Georgia Death Investigation Act. Autopsies are conducted by GBI medical examiners at the headquarters laboratory in Decatur and in the regional laboratories in Macon and Savannah.

The fellow will be exposed to a large volume and variety of complex cases from urban, suburban, and rural settings. The GBI ME Office has consultants in forensic anthropology, odontology, neuropathology, clinical child abuse specialists, radiology, pediatric pathology, cardiac pathology, and entomology.

Program by the Numbers

Year Established: 2020

ME Staff: 12 (including two dual forensic and pediatric pathologists)

Case Volume: >3,500 autopsies and ~600 homicides

Imaging: Lodox and CT

In House labs: Toxicology, Firearms, Biology, Serolo-

gy, Chemistry, Latent Prints, Impressions

Rotators: Residents from the Medical College of Georgia and various medical students from Emory University, Mercer University, Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, and visiting students

Mascot: Fuzzy the Skele-peach

ACGME accredited and in good standing

The Basics

- Affiliation with Medical College of Georgia (Augusta University)
- Region/Division: South
- Address: 3121 Panthersville Road Decatur, GA 30034
- Coordinator: Courtney Lawrence
- Director: Rachel Geller, MD
- Participating in Match: Yes
- Number of positions:
 2024-2025 3
 2025-2026 2
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Metro Atlanta

- Atlanta Botanical Garden
- Fox Theater
- Georgia Aquarium
- World of Coca-Cola
- Zoo Atlanta
- ATL Airport (largest in the world!)
- Diverse cuisine

WHAT SETS US APART

- Structured legal curriculum with preparation in an on-site mock courtroom including mock trials
- Pediatric forensic pathology experts with in-house Child Victim's Unit and State Child Fatality Review
- Scene curriculum with partners DeKalb County MEO
- Hands on anthropology training with board-certified Forensic Anthropologist, Alice Gooding, PhD —access to the largest library of specimens and casts in North America via Kennesaw State University
- Cardiovascular pathology training including gross and micro specimens quarterly
- Commitment to recruitment, retention, and mentoring to remedy the critical forensic pathologist shortage
- YOU BELONG AT THE GBI









https://www.augusta.edu/mcg/pathology/residency/forensicpathologyfellowship.php