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ASSISTANT MEDICAL EXAMINER POSITION

SALARY RANGE \$180,037- \$235,898/year

The Maryland Department of Health, Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, is seeking two Assistant Medical Examiners to join a committed professional team of forensic pathologists, investigating deaths and performing autopsies as necessary. The primary purpose of this position is to provide certified medical and specialized pathology skills in the performance of the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner's (OCME) mandated cause and manner of death investigation.

Established in 1939 as the nation's first statewide medical examiner system, the acclaimed OCME of Maryland is a supportive, drama-free agency with a strong institutional culture and a commitment to excellence. The OCME is NAME accredited and has been continuously for 30 years. The legislature and administration are deeply committed to maintaining this accreditation. In support of this accreditation, the legislature spent \$54 million on the construction of the OCME facility occupied in 2010. At the time of occupation, the ME workload was 250 cases per ME. With the increased caseload due mostly to opioid deaths, the administration has committed to bringing the autopsy workload back down to 250 cases per pathologist and has committed the needed positions to achieve this.

The OCME's forensic pathology team includes the Chief Medical Examiner, two Deputy Chief Medical Examiners, and 16.5 Assistant Medical Examiners. The agency has four ACGME accredited fellowship positions.



The OCME serves the 6 million residents throughout the state of Maryland. Described as "America in miniature," Maryland has varied geography; mountains in the west to the ocean in the east, from rural communities to urban centers, ensuring a stimulating variety of interesting cases to investigate.

The OCME is staffed with 91 full time and 110 part-time Forensic Investigator staff and is housed in a stand-alone 120,000 square foot facility on the University Of Maryland's medical campus. Also, the OCME has multiple consultants including neuropathology, cardiovascular pathology, radiology, odontology, anthropology and other specialist services are available at the University of Maryland and Johns Hopkins. The office is well equipped with CT and LODOX, histology lab, and an in-house toxicology laboratory with a turnaround time of fewer than five days.

Primary scene investigations are performed by the investigative team (15) at the OCME and county forensic investigators (110). The autopsy component of the investigation is supported by 15 autopsy technicians and photographers.

The OCME is affiliated with six medical schools in the Maryland-DC area and provides opportunities for pathology residents from those schools, elective rotation for medical students, and training for a masters in forensic medicine program in collaboration with institutes in China and the University of Maryland.

The assistant medical examiners typically work every third day in the autopsy room during the week and one weekend a month. The daily autopsy workload is handled by a team of 3-4 assistant medical examiners, fellows, and visiting residents. On especially busy days the other MEs will volunteer to help out their colleagues. The Assistant ME rotation consists of being on cases for five months, every third weekday, and one weekend in the month. Then on month six, the ME has a desk month to catch up on reports, complex cases, CME, write papers and other professional development as needed. Night call occurs once every 15-16 days. For a significant part of the year, the fellows also take night call decreasing the frequency of call.



Maryland is ideally situated in the Mid-Atlantic area, easily accessible to Philadelphia, New York, and the District of Columbia, and features superb quality of life options, attractions, and activities.

Affectionately known as Charm City, Baltimore is a culturally diverse community with professional sports, museums; fine dining and ethnic cuisine, live musical and theatrical performances, and a variety of cultural institutions. Baltimore is a great place to raise a family, with excellent school systems, colleges and universities. An abundance of varying housing is available from downtown waterfront condos to suburban and rural settings all within a reasonable commute. There is no requirement for OCME employees to reside in the state.



The position includes standard state employee benefits (medical, leave, pension, deferred compensation, and compensatory leave for time worked over the usual 40 hour week.) Funds are available for books or to help pay with membership fees or state license. Free parking is supplied next to the facility. The MEs are provided with the opportunity to get adjunct faculty positions at the University of Maryland and other schools. These positions provide additional benefits such as library access and access to some of the UM facilities.

We are required to use an existing salary scale but typically start pathologists straight out of fellowship at over \$180,000 The salary offer will be at the same level as an existing staff pathologist with similar experience with several of the senior staff approaching the top of the scale.

Qualified candidates must be board certified in anatomic and forensic pathology by the American Board of Pathology within three years of joining the OCME, as well as eligibility for medical licensure in Maryland. While the advertisement is for Board Certified FP, we will consider applications from any FP who is in the process of completing the certification process.

OCME is also interested in recruiting part-time forensic pathologists on a fee per case basis.

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This is a special appointment position. A resume must be attached to your application.

Online applications are highly recommended. However, a paper application may be submitted to Maryland Department of Health, Recruitment and Selection Division, 201 W. Preston St., Room 114-B, Baltimore, MD 21201. The paper application must be received by 5 pm, the close of business, on the closing date for the recruitment, no postmarks will be accepted.