



**Graduate Medical Education  
PROGRAM LETTER OF AGREEMENT**

**Loma Linda University Health Residency/Fellowship Program  
and  
Participating Site**

This document serves as an Educational Agreement between the Pathology and Laboratory Medicine Residency Program of Loma Linda University Health Education Consortium (LLUH) and San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department- Coroner's Division, San Bernardino involved in graduate medical education.

This Letter of Agreement is effective from 09/14/2022 and will remain in effect for five years, or until updated, changed or terminated by the Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, Residency Program and San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department- Coroner's Division, San Bernardino.

**1. Persons Responsible for Education and Supervision**

At LLUH: Justin Kerstetter, M.D.

At San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department- Coroner's Division, San Bernardino: Brian Hutchins, M.D., Chief Forensic Pathologist.

[List other faculty by name or general group: Diana Geli, M.D.]

The above-mentioned people are responsible for the education and supervision of the residents while rotating at San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department- Coroner's Division, San Bernardino.

**2. Responsibilities**

The faculty at San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department- Coroner's Division, San Bernardino must provide appropriate supervision of residents/fellows in patient care activities and maintain a learning environment conducive to educating the residents in the ACGME competency areas. The faculty must evaluate resident performance in a timely manner during each rotation or similar educational assignment and document this evaluation at completion of the assignment.

**3. Content and Duration of the Educational Experiences**

The content of the educational experiences has been developed according to ACGME Residency Program Requirements, and include the following goals and objectives:

**GOALS:**

*To give each resident a foundation in Forensic Pathology*



## **OBJECTIVES:**

### *Patient care:*

- *Conducts basic forensic autopsy under supervision of a Forensic Pathologist.*
- *Reviews microscopic slides*
- *Prepares report for formal sign out by Forensic Pathologist*

### *Medical knowledge:*

- *Understands basic topics such as cause of death, blunt and sharp injuries, motor vehicle injuries, gunshot wounds, electric injuries, burns, drug abuse/overdose, child abuse, asphyxia.*
- *Understands how a case of natural death may cause forensic concern.*
- *Understands the reason why additional investigation is required (odontology, anthropology and toxicology examinations).*

### *Interpersonal and communication skills:*

- *Works with autopsy technicians, inspectors, laboratory technicians, anthropologists and forensic odontologist.*

### *Professionalism:*

- *Relates well to other professional in a respectable manner.*
- *Respects the confidentiality of individual cases.*
- *Follows through the case if further investigation is required.*

### *System-based practice:*

- *Demonstrates familiarity on when cases are handled by the coroner's office and when cases may be performed by hospital.*
- *Attends departmental business meetings.*

### *Practice-based learning:*

- *Attends crime scene investigation to observe the role of a forensic pathologist at such occasions.*
- *Familiarizes with the procedure from the time that the coroner's office is notified to the time that the final report is verified.*



**DURATION:**

*Two to four weeks (2 weeks is required; 4 weeks is encouraged)*

**DUTIES:**

*Residents must perform at least ten autopsies on “natural death” cases.*

**SUPERVISION:**

*Each autopsy that a resident performs is supervised by a pathologist who is present during the gross dissection to help interpret gross findings.*

*All glass slides are examined by a pathologist.*

*All reports are reviewed, amended and co-signed by a pathologist.*

*Teaching staff includes:*

*Brian Hutchins, M.D.*

*Diana Geli, M.D.*

In cooperation with Justin Kerstetter, Brian Hutchins, M.D. and the faculty at San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department- Coroner's Division, San Bernardino are responsible for supervising the activities of the residents to ensure that the outlined goals and objectives are met during the course of the educational experiences at San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department- Coroner's Division, San Bernardino.

The duration(s) of the assignment(s) to San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department- Coroner's Division, San Bernardino is 2 weeks minimum; 4 weeks maximum.

**4. Policies and Procedures that Govern Resident Education**

Residents will be under the general direction of the LLUH Graduate Medical Education Policies and Training Agreement, the Program's Policy and Procedure Manual and San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department- Coroner's Division, San Bernardino policies for graduate medical education.



LLUH Residency Program

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