FORENSIC MEDICINE & PATHOLOGY: PAST, CURRENT, & FUTURE ISSUES



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## INCLUDING PRESENTATIONS FROM:

**Cyril H. Wecht, MD, JD**, a legendary forensic pathologist and author, has been Allegheny County's Chief Medical Examiner-Coroner for many years. He appears regularly on network radio and television to discuss his important investigatory roles and theories in the Kennedy assassinations, the deaths of Elvis Presley and Anna Nicole Smith, and the cases of OJ Simpson, Scott Peterson, JonBenet Ramsey, Phil Spector, and others.

Lakshmanan Sathyavagiswaran, MD, graduated from Madras University, India. He was appointed the Chief Medical Examiner-Coroner of LA County in 1992 after serving 14 years as its Deputy Examiner. He is Board Certified in six medical specialties and teaches at UCLA and USC Medical Schools. He has led the Coroner's Department through many of LA's natural disasters and mass casualties, and has performed many high profile autopsies. He is the current Saturday, October 22, 2011 9:30 am - 2:30 pm At the JW Marriott Hotel 900 West Olympic Blvd., Los Angeles

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chair of the National Association of Medical Examiners.

Judy Melinek, MD, graduated cum laude from Harvard Medical School and completed her pathology residency at UCLA. During her fellowship with the Chief Medical Examiner in New York she examined remains from the 9/11 attack. She was Assistant Medical Examiner in Santa Clara County for a year before assuming the same post in San Francisco for the past seven years. She runs her own consulting firm, PathologyExpert.com.

**Ben Inglis, Ph.D,** is the MRI facility manager at the University of California Brain Imaging Center. Dr. Inglis is conducting important work on the physical evidence of brain injuries. Implications for assessing returning veterans with traumatic brain injuries are many.

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**PURPOSE:** This class will give practicing clinicians the tools they need to correctly handle death certification, access forensic pathology services, and identify the situations in which an autopsy is legally required. Doctors will learn methods to request an autopsy from surviving family members and how to explain the autopsy findings to them. Doctors will learn how to identify some of the natural disease states and traumatic injuries that are common causes of sudden, unexpected death We will look at several high profile deaths of the past and see how physicians can help in determining whether criminal behavior was involved, and if so, who was involved. Future uses of medical technology will be explored relative to the discovery of criminal intent and traumatic brain injury.

**TARGET AUDIENCE:** This activity is intended for all Physicians, Podiatrists, and Dentists. There are no prerequisites.

**OBJECTIVES:** Doctors will examine their own practice to identify the circumstances in which a forensic examination might yield useful results. Doctors will become familiar with how forensic data is used in individual cases and aggregated as public health data. Doctors will recall unexplained and unexpected deaths they have encountered and evaluate whether their responses were satisfactory. Doctors will be trained to identify, locate, and use online resources that provide detailed information about medical examiner/coroner services and regulations in their locality. Doctors will practice writing death certificates and to recognize common recording errors. Doctors will increase their awareness of the most common causes of deaths initially classified as unexplained or unexpected. Doctors will practice effective ways to approach grieving patients with an autopsy request or autopsy data, including a framework that makes the discussions more relevant for the survivors.

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the Essential Areas and Policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education through the joint sponsorship of the University of California, Irvine School of Medicine and the Union of American Physicians and Dentists. The University of California, Irvine School of Medicine is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

The University of California, Irvine School of Medicine designates this live activity for a maximum of 4.0 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)*<sup>max</sup>. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

The Dental Board of California has authorized UAPD to offer 4.0 Continuing Education Credits for participation in this program. AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)<sup>TM</sup> are recognized by the Board of Podiatry.

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This activity is in compliance with California Assembly Bill 1195, which requires continuing medical education activities with patient care components to include curriculum in the subjects of cultural and linguistic competency. For specific information regarding Bill 1195 and definitions of cultural and linguistic competency, please visit the CME website at www.cme.uci.edu.

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