

655J Forensic Pathology

Students must obtain permission from the course coordinator who will obtain faculty approval based on availability prior to enrollment in this course at least three months prior to rotation start date.

The Orange County Coroner's Office assesses a fee for this elective: \$200.00 for a two-week rotation

All students are responsible for paying the fee by cash or personal check to the OCME office on the first day of their rotation. Cash or check only; NO credit cards are accepted.

Course Description: The student will be exposed to the practice of modern forensic medicine/pathology, including scene investigation, medical-legal autopsy and forensic toxicology.

Department: Pathology & Laboratory Medicine

Prerequisites: UCI students must have successfully completed the basic science curriculum. Extramural students must be in the final year of undergraduate medical education and have completed course work equivalent to UCI's Clinical Pathology and Pathology course. An in-person background check is required and will be performed and completed by the OC Sheriff's Office at least eight weeks prior to the rotation start date.

Restrictions: Students must obtain permission from faculty prior to enrollment, at least three months prior to rotation start date. This rotation is not accepting international students.

Elective Director: Robert A. Edwards, MD, PhD, UCI School of Medicine, Department of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine, Med Sci I, Room D435, Irvine CA 92697-4800, (949) 824-8576, redwards@uci.edu

Instructing Faculty: Yong-son Kim, MD and OCCO staff

Course Website: None

Who to Report to First Day: Contact the site coordinator for details **Location to Report on First Day:** Contact the site coordinator for details **Time to Report on First Day:** Contact the site coordinator for details.

Elective Coordinator: Ashley Dunicliffe, UC Irvine School of Medicine, Department of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine, Med Sci I, Room D440, Irvine, CA 92697-4800, (949) 824-5367, pathelectives@hs.uci.edu

Site: Orange County Coroner Office

Periods Available: Throughout the year, except for the last two weeks in December.

Duration: 4 weeks

Number of Students: 1

- UCI students must officially enroll for the course by contacting the Scheduling Coordinator via email pathelectives@hs.uci.edu UC Irvine students please call (714) 456-8462 to make a scheduling appointment after receiving approval.
- Extramural students enrolled at a U.S. LCME medical school must use VSAS to apply. To apply please refer to the [Visiting Student Learning Opportunities website](#).
- For any questions regarding this rotation, please contact Ashley Dunicliffe, UCI School of Medicine, Department of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine, Med Sci I, Room D440, Irvine, CA 92697-4800, (949) 824-5367, pathelectives@hs.uci.edu

Course Objectives: At the end of this rotation the student will be able to:

Correlate scene investigational information and autopsy findings to formulate:

1. mechanism of death
2. cause of death
3. manner of death.

Key Topics: Autopsy interpretation; basic scene investigation; basic forensic pathology and toxicology principles.

Competencies: Not stated

Attitudes & Commitments: Recognition of the forensic pathologist's role in the medical-legal arena and public health sector.

Educational Activities: Daily case briefings; toxicology meetings and crime lab tour (varies by rotation)

What Students Should do to Prepare for the Rotation: Review basic anatomy and pathology

Clinical Responsibilities of the Student: Attend autopsies daily; scene investigation (optional)

Patient Care Responsibilities: No direct patient care responsibilities

Call Schedule of the Student: No call duty required

Procedures to be Learned by the Student: Selected autopsy prosection techniques on case-by-case basis

Percentage of Time Student will Participate in Ambulatory Setting: This is not a clinical rotation

Conference/Lecture/Small Group Sessions: Lectures and conferences vary by rotation

Course Hours Weekly Summary: Lectures and conferences vary by rotation

Content Theme Integration: Not stated

Recommended Reading: Basic pathology textbook; basic forensic pathology textbook

Official Grading Policy: The student will receive a grade of Honors, Pass or Fail. The student's final grade will be submitted on the standard UCI elective form. The student's performance will be based upon attendance, initiative and course knowledge. If the student fails the elective, a grade of "F" will be permanently recorded on his/her transcript. The student can repeat the course for a second grade; however, the "F" will not be removed from the transcript.