PATHOLOGY

The Pathology Division is composed of eight pathologists that include the Chief Medical Examiner (CME), Chief Deputy Medical Examiner (CDME), and six Deputy Medical Examiners (DME's). Each of the pathologists has received a medical degree, trained in anatomic pathology, and subsequently trained in the medical subspecialty forensic pathology. Some have also received training in clinical pathology and one has trained in neuropathology. All of the pathologists have been certified by the American Board of Pathology (ABP) in their respective areas of training, meaning that they have been deemed to be appropriately trained and have passed the corresponding nationally-administered examinations.

Training and education is an integral part of the pathology division. In doing so, medical students and pathology residents are trained and educated in autopsy pathology. The pathologists have faculty appointments with the Department of Pathology at the University of California, San Diego (UCSD) School of Medicine. Residents from both UCSD and the Balboa Naval Hospital rotate with and are trained by the pathologists.

Lastly, the Pathology division trains one forensic pathology fellow per year, while funding is available. The fellow is a pathologist who has completed training in anatomic or anatomic and clinical pathology, and wishes to sub-specialize in forensic pathology. Following the fellowship training, the fellow is expected to take the annual ABP administered forensic pathology examination along with the other fellows from around the country. A fully grant funded position will be available and has been filled for the two upcoming academic years of 2011-12 and 2012-13.