



Medicolegal Death Investigators

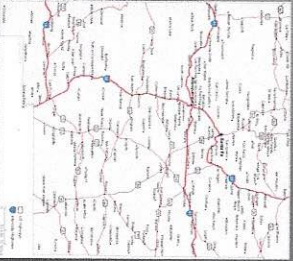
- They are the eyes, ears, and noses of a forensic pathologist at death scenes
- Make critical scene observations
- Determine whether a death is potentially natural or unnatural
- Document evidence
- Photograph the scene and body
- Make critical case triage decisions



- 14 Central Office Medicolegal Death Investigators
- 7 ABMDI certified
- Must be certified within 1 year of hire
- Many have death investigation background
- Approximately 110 Field Medicolegal Investigators
- Minimum qualifications are high school diploma and valid drivers license
- 17 of these investigators are at least ABMDI registry certified
- Cover all New Mexico counties outside of Bernalillo

Training Challenges

- Geographically distributed system
- Travel distances
- Limited resources
- Professional isolation





Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes

Launched in 2008 as a way to meet local healthcare needs
Makes specialized medical knowledge accessible wherever it is needed
Created so that primary care physicians could treat hospitals C in their communities
Puts local clinicians together with specialist teams in weekly virtual clinics
Currently operates 39 HUBS for nearly 30 diseases/conditions in 22 states and five countries including sites within the Department of Defense

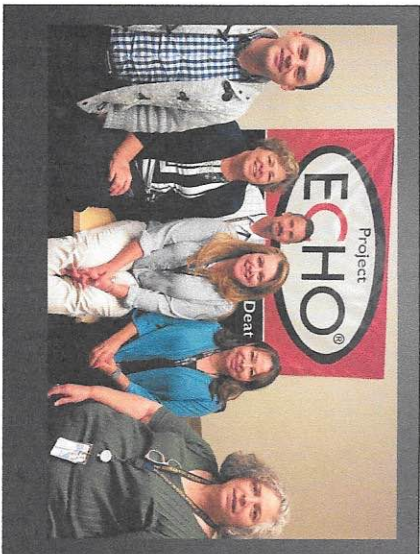


- Project ECHO exemplifies learning as described in the levels of continuing professional development by Moore
- To achieve desired results in continuing medical education the learning activity should produce the following:
 - Participation
 - Learning
 - Performance
 - Patient health
 - Community health

* Moore, G. (2007). *Continuing Medical Education: A Guide to Effective Learning*. San Francisco, CA: Jossey-Bass.



- **Accomplishments**
- In the past year:
 - 19 investigators signed up for our 18-month ABMD I registry certification curriculum
 - 3 investigators signed up for the ABMD I registry certification examination
- **Future plans**
- Grant funding to cover an additional 25 field investigators to prepare for the ABMD I registry certification examination





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