

GUIDELINES FOR USING THE REPOSITORY

1. Scope and Eligibility

- **Subject Matter:** Projects will be forensic toxicology based.
- **Data Source:** All data must come from deceased individuals; inclusion of living individuals is not permitted.
- **Target Population:** Principal investigators must be forensic pathology fellows enrolled in an ACGME-accredited program.

2. Institutional Requirements

- **Supervision:** Research must be conducted under the direct oversight of a forensic pathologist and/or forensic toxicologist.
- **Affiliations:** Projects should be done in collaboration with at least one of the following:
 - An accredited forensic toxicology lab.
 - A medical examiner or coroner's office.
 - An academic hospital with a pathology department.
- **Compliance:** In addition to the general set of guidelines presented here, research must also adhere to the specific guidelines and/or protocols of the affiliated institution(s).

3. Administrative / Timeline Requirements

- **Duration:** The planning and execution of the study should take less than a year.
- **Funding:** In the event a project requires funding, external sources must be used for funds; NAME does not currently offer financial support.

4. Collaboration and Dissemination

- **Collaboration:** Multi-institutional or team-based approaches are highly encouraged.
- **Publication:** Researchers should aim to publish their findings within 12 months after completing the project. Presentations at national meetings are encouraged.