NAAG FORENSIC

FOR COUNSEL AND AGENCIES · 2026–2027

Expert *Consultation*

For prosecutors, defense, civil counsel and the Department of Defense.

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An institution, *not an intermediary.*

NAAG Forensic PC is a California professional medical corporation, owned and operated by forensic pathologists, providing forensic pathology laboratory services to law enforcement, the courts, the Department of Defense and families since 2015. NAAG is not an expert-witness referral service and not a staffing agency: our own physicians and scientists perform, document and testify to their own work.

THE SPECIALTY

Forensic pathology is not about the dead. It is medicine for the law.

Forensic pathology is a recognized subspecialty of medicine. Forensic pathologists are physicians: after medical school they complete residency training in pathology and fellowship training in forensic pathology, and earn board certification by examination. They apply that specialized medical knowledge and skill to help solve legal problems, whether the person at the center of the question has died or is living.

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ATTORNEYS, AGENCIES AND FAMILIES

Expert consultation

Forensic pathology serves the living as well as the dead. NAAG consultation is built around five products, delivered by the physicians and scientists who do the work and testify to it. Every engagement belongs to one of three areas of practice: criminal, civil, or next of kin.

THE FIVE PRODUCTS

01

Verbal opinion

A comprehensive review of the case materials, followed by a consultation in which the assigned physician explains the findings and the opinions they support. In complex matters, a short written narrative summary is available on request.

FLAT RATE · ALL CASE TYPES

02

Expert report

A comprehensive, professionally assembled written report with every necessary exhibit, including custom medical illustrations where the case requires them. Prepared to the standard we would defend under cross-examination.

FLAT RATE · LITIGATION STANDARD

03

Deep Dive examination

Specialist re-examination of retained organs, tissues and skeletal remains: the brain, the bones, or the whole case. See the Deep Dive collection.

FLAT RATE · RETAINED EVIDENCE

04

Testimony

Deposition, hearing or trial testimony by the physician who did the work. A testimony day covers up to eight hours portal to portal, waiting time included, and all same-day travel.

FLAT DAY RATE · EXPENSES AT COST, NO MARKUP

05

Reserving a court date

Trial preparation (file retrieval, re-review of the report, exhibits and materials, and an initial conference with counsel) and twelve months of scheduling administration, with unlimited continuances, trailing dates and re-settings.

TWO FIXED COMPONENTS · NO CANCELLATION OR STANDBY FEES, EVER

THE THREE AREAS OF PRACTICE

06

Criminal: standard cases

Typical medicolegal matters whose evidence lies mainly in the coroner or medical examiner record: gunshot and stab wounds, blunt trauma, overdose and thermal deaths.

AGENCIES · APPOINTED AND PRIVATE COUNSEL

07

Criminal: complex cases

Pediatric deaths and allegations of child abuse, deaths in custody or pursuit, strangulation, deaths delayed by medical care, and every capital case, regardless of the allegations.

AGENCY AND APPOINTED · PRIVATE COUNSEL · DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

08

Prosecution

Case review, second opinion with report, and testimony for prosecutors, expedited as a service to the California communities we serve. Testimony on cases a NAAG physician examined for a coroner under Government Code § 27491 follows the county's Sheriff-Coroner agreement, on the same terms in every county.

EXPEDITED · § 27491 TESTIMONY

09

Civil: dependency

Rush consultation for time-sensitive child-safety proceedings, almost always involving living children, with a verbal opinion and a written declaration for litigation.

RUSH SERVICE · WRITTEN DECLARATION

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Civil: litigation

Wrongful death, medical negligence, personal injury, divorce and other actions between parties, with half-day and full-day deposition options and the full Deep Dive menu.

RETAINER · SPECIALIST HOURLY

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Injuries in the living

Interpretation of injuries in living children and adults: alleged child abuse, survived strangulation, fracture timing and mechanism, and injuries at issue in criminal, dependency and family-law matters.

LIVING CHILDREN AND ADULTS · ALL AREAS OF PRACTICE

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Next of kin

Families retaining NAAG directly, without counsel. A NAAG death investigator is your point of contact and liaison with the forensic pathologist. Case review with verbal opinions, written reports, and the full private autopsy program.

FLAT RATES · DEATH INVESTIGATOR LIAISON

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The specialist roster

When a case calls for it: forensic pathologists, neuropathologists, radiologists, child abuse pediatricians, surgical and molecular pathologists, internists, a forensic attorney, medical and death investigators, paralegals and case managers, and laboratory technicians. Support staff are used first wherever possible, to keep cost down.

HOURLY, BY DISCIPLINE · APPROVED TASKS ONLY

II

PROSECUTORS, DEFENSE AND CIVIL COUNSEL

The Deep Dive

When a case turns on what the first examination did not do, the answer is often in the retained organs, tissues and bones. The Deep Dive returns to that evidence with subspecialists, modern methods and fresh eyes.

EXAMINATIONS

01

Brain only: forensic neuropathology

Examination of the retained brain, with or without spinal cord, pituitary and dura, by a forensic neuropathologist. All sectioning, histology and immunohistochemistry indicated, and a comprehensive written report.

NEUROPATHOLOGIST · COMPREHENSIVE REPORT

02

Bone only: pediatric bone pathology

Examination of retained skeletal material by our pediatric bone pathology group, which combines bone pathology and forensic anthropology. All imaging, processing and analysis indicated, and a comprehensive written report.

NAAG FACILITIES ONLY · IMAGING INCLUDED

03

Full case evaluation

A comprehensive Deep Dive across all retained organs and tissues, including neuropathology and skeletal examination where indicated, with additional testing or re-testing as the medicolegal questions demand.

WHOLE CASE · COMPREHENSIVE REPORT

04

Off-site Deep Dive

The full case evaluation, performed at the retaining agency's facility when the evidence cannot be released. Our team, equipment and travel are included.

AT YOUR FACILITY · TEAM AND EQUIPMENT INCLUDED

> Bone-only examination is not available off site: the imaging and processing equipment it requires cannot be transported.

VIII

FAMILIES, ATTORNEYS AND AGENCIES

Molecular autopsy & genetic testing

Postmortem genetic and specialized laboratory testing, interpreted by the appropriate specialist and read against the autopsy findings. Every test includes specimen coordination, chain-of-custody documentation, the assay itself, and a written interpretation.

STANDARD
Broad, well-validated panels covering the common inherited causes; the right first test in most cases. Reported in 10 to 21 days.

ADVANCED
Disease-specific panels with deeper coverage of a narrower question. About three weeks, or two on a STAT order.

PREMIUM
Genome-backed exome analysis with the deepest variant interrogation available, and a faster turnaround than standard.

CARDIAC: SUDDEN CARDIAC DEATH, ARRHYTHMIA AND CARDIOMYOPATHY

01 ### Arrhythmia and cardiomyopathy comprehensive panel

The appropriate first test in most sudden cardiac deaths.

STANDARD

02 ### Targeted cardiac panels

Comprehensive cardiac arrhythmia; sudden cardiac arrest; long QT; short QT; Brugada syndrome; catecholaminergic polymorphic ventricular tachycardia; familial atrial fibrillation; arrhythmogenic right ventricular cardiomyopathy; hypertrophic, dilated and left ventricular noncompaction cardiomyopathy; dystrophinopathy (DMD).

ADVANCED

03 ### Pan-cardiomyopathy panel

The widest cardiomyopathy panel we order, for unclear or mixed phenotypes.

ADVANCED

EXOME, DEVELOPMENTAL AND METABOLIC

04 ### Exome sequencing

The decedent alone, with one parent (duo), or with both parents (trio, the highest diagnostic yield), at standard or premium analysis.

STANDARD · PREMIUM

05

Targeted panels

Ehlers-Danlos and related multi-system disorders; skeletal disorders of bone and cartilage development.

STANDARD

06

Postmortem metabolic screening

Acylcarnitine analysis of blood and bile, for sudden or unexpected death.

BLOOD AND BILE

07

Vitamin D (25-OH, D2 and D3)

From a newborn blood-spot card, or a card produced at examination.

BLOOD SPOT

HEMATOLOGIC AND THROMBOPHILIA

08

Thrombophilia and clotting

Hereditary thrombophilia; antithrombin III, protein C and protein S deficiencies.

STANDARD

09

Platelets, anemia and marrow

Inherited platelet disorders; hereditary hemolytic anemia; atypical HUS and thrombotic microangiopathies; bone marrow failure syndromes; Fanconi and Diamond-Blackfan anemia; familial essential thrombocythemia.

STANDARD

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Bleeding disorders

Inherited bleeding from impaired platelet function, coagulation factor deficiency or thrombocytopenia; prothrombin (factor II) deficiency.

ADVANCED

OUR PROMISES

- **Not sure which test?** Ask. Our Laboratory Director recommends a test, and says plainly when a simpler one answers the question as well.
- **No hidden charges.** Shipping, specimen handling, storage and reporting are included.
- **Specimen failure** is reported at no charge.
- **An accepted case is never repriced.**

HOW NAAG PRICES ITS WORK

Flat, quoted first, *guaranteed.*

- **Flat, and quoted first.** Almost every NAAG service is a flat rate, quoted in writing before any work begins.
- **All-inclusive.** A flat rate covers all professional, paraprofessional and administrative time. No separate charges for file handling, records review, correspondence or case management.
- **Guaranteed.** Rates in force when a matter opens are guaranteed for that matter, whenever the work is performed.
- **No penalty fees.** No cancellation, rescheduling, late-release or standby fees. Ever.
- **Expenses at cost.** Travel and out-of-pocket expenses are passed through at cost, without markup or surcharge.
- **Fee schedules on request.** Current fee schedules are provided directly to agencies, counsel and families. Ask, and we will send the one that governs your matter.

BEGIN

Submit a case, or *simply call.*

NEW CASES	naagforensic.com/submit-a-case
TELEPHONE	1-800-985-5346 · seven days a week
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AGENCIES	coroner@naagforensic.com
SPECIMENS	admin@naagforensic.com
SUBPOENAS	subpoena@naagforensic.com
LABORATORY	6335 Ferris Square, Suite C, San Diego, California 92121

Services and availability as of the 2026–2027 rate period. Postmortem CT imaging is available from January 1, 2027. This guide is general information about NAAG's services; it is not medical or legal advice and is not an offer. Engagement terms and fees are confirmed in writing before any work begins.