

Success Story

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ECDOH Medical Examiner's Office – Dental Identification

The Medical Examiner's Office has the ability to provide dental identification on deceased "Jane and John Does" that arrive at the Medical Examiner's Office. The dental identification process is performed in house without an additional cost to the county by James Woytash MD, DDS, Chief Medical Examiner who is also a dentist, and by Ray Miller DDS, an odontology fellow of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS). While DNA evidence is collected, dental identification requires less time and expense. The time that a family is waiting for positive identification seems endless. Anything that can be done to reduce this wait for the family is very important.

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