



## Jurisprudence Section – 2003

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### **E15 Why the Veterans Administration is so Far Ahead in the Detection and Investigation of Healthcare Professionals Who Abuse and/ or Kill Patients—Specific Discussion Will ensue Regarding Dr. Michael Swango**

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The Veteran's Administration is one of the few entities that has been in the forefront of investigating deaths that occur in its hospitals. This presentation will show how administratively, suspicious deaths in a hospital setting should be managed, and the value of consulting with forensic science experts as a team. How a determination as to whether there is cause to believe that criminal acts have been committed and to prevent further criminal acts when the possibility of multiple deaths cause by health care provider will be reviewed. The social factors, which give rise to why this agency tries to reveal and prosecute deaths by caregivers, will be discussed.

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