



Jurisprudence Section – 2003

E17 The Role of Poisons in the Death of Patients and the Issues Surrounding Correct Identifications and Analysis

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This presentation will discuss the forensic toxicological aspects of investigating possible poison deaths, what tissues should be removed at autopsy, and how modern toxicological advances permit identifying lethal drugs in hair, formalin fixed tissue, and paraffin blocks many years after death of a patient. Specific examples of poisoning of patients with succinylcholine, epinephrine will be demonstrated.

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