

# 2023 CENSUS OF MEDICAL EXAMINER AND CORONER OFFICES

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**AD1. If you have a sudden unexpected infant death case, which of the following procedures would your office conduct, or request, if warranted, to determine cause and manner of death?**

Procedure	Yes	No	Decision made elsewhere (e.g. state medical examiners' office)
a. Scene investigation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. Doll re-enactment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. Imaging, including x-ray, CT, or MRI	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. Autopsy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e. Forensic toxicology	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f. Microbiology	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
g. Histology	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
h. Genetic testing (e.g., sudden cardiac deaths)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**AD2. Does your office use the Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, or SIDS, diagnosis?**

- Yes
- No

**AD3. Do you record decedents' sex?**

- Always
- Sometimes
- No

**AD4. Do you record decedents' gender?**

- Always
- Sometimes
- No



**AD5. Do you capture race and/or ethnicity for decedents?**

- Yes
- No → SKIP to AD6 on Page 3

**AD5. Which of the following race and ethnicity categories do you capture for decedents?**

- White
- Black or African American
- Hispanic
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- We do not capture race or ethnicity for decedents
- Other (please specify)

**AD6. How does your office dispose of unclaimed human remains? Please select all that apply.**

- Bury
- Cremate
- Donate body to a body donation program
- Donate body to other program(s) (e.g., museum)
- Our office holds unclaimed remains indefinitely
- Other (please specify) ↴

**AD7. For unclaimed remains, does your office work with Veterans Administration or other groups to determine if the decedent is a veteran?**

- Yes
- No

**AD8. When your office receives a death of a foreign national do you notify the consulate of the decedent's country of origin?**

- Yes
- No

**AD9. Are you aware of genetic screening as a test that medical examiner and coroner offices are starting to use?**

- Yes
- No

**AD10. In the last 5 years have you sent any cases for genetic testing?**

- Yes
- No

**AD11. Are you aware of the new Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Collaborating Office for Medical Examiners and Coroners (COMEC) and the resources it offers MEC offices?**

- Yes
- No

**AD12. Does your office have access to a computerized axial tomography (CAT or CT) scan, either directly or through a partner agency?**

- Yes, directly
- Yes, through a partner agency
- No

**AD13. Does your office have access to magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), either directly or through a partner agency?**

- Yes, directly
- Yes, through a partner agency
- No