

TENDENCIES OF MEDICAL INVESTIGATION IN DEATH CASES OCCURING OUTSIDE OF HOSPITAL IN SZEGED AND THE REGION

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In Hungary, about 30% of the deaths occur outside of the hospital: at home or in public places, and 80% of these death cases there is no autopsy needed. In the region of Szeged, the autopsies of those who deceased at home or in public places are carried out by the staff of Department of Forensic Medicine regardless of the fact, that the death is considered to be natural or extraordinary according to the death-investigator doctor.

Our Institute – as opposed to the only regular-autopsy-established pathology departments – has proper forensic background, which allows to the doctor performing the autopsy to do additional tests if any extraordinary fact is detected and after report the case to the police. The fact, - that there have been ordained as regular autopsy. but later reported as third persons suspected cases,- highlights the responsibility of the doctor who performs the investigation of the deceased and the major importance of autopsy of those who died outside of the hospital.

In my presentation I will briefly review the rules of death-investigation, the extraordinary or extraordinary-suspected death cases, which have been reported to the police in the recent years in the sub-region of Szeged and with examples taken out of the context I am trying to convey the role of the law®ulations in specific situations and the special place of forensic medicine in autopsy.

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