Legal Medicine
—its role and mission

Minimum requirements
Legal medicine is indispensable in the law-governed country. It is the essential role for this field to answer the legal problems requiring medical wisdom/technique: determination of cause and manner of death, analysis of the nature of injury, detection of toxins/chemicals, identification of the living and the dead, examination of offenders.

For the living tells the dead!
Legal medicine has also important mission. The knowledge obtained from the dead improves the quality of life, prevents diseases/damages, and develops the social support system for the living: medical and/or social factors of isolated death, practical situation of accidental death/abuse and neglect of children, cause of sudden death.

Research
1. Legal medicine for public health
2. Medico-legal aspects of myoglobin
3. Sudden unexpected death of infancy
4. Tumor lesions found in forensic autopsy cases
5. Postmortem redistribution of drugs
6. Cyanide concentration in postmortem samples
7. Studies of diatom tests for the diagnosis of drowning

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