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## **EDUCATION**

- 1998-1999    **Forensic Pathology Fellowship**  
Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, Richmond, VA
- 1993-1998    **Resident in Anatomic & Clinical Pathology**  
The New York Presbyterian Hospital, Cornell Campus, New York, NY
- 1988-1992    **Doctor of Medicine**  
Oregon Health Sciences University, Portland, OR
- 1985-1987    **Baccalaureate of Science in Biology**  
Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR
- 1982-1985    Portland State University, Portland, OR

## **BOARD CERTIFICATION**

- American Board of Pathology **Diplomate, Forensic Pathology** September 2003  
American Board of Pathology **Diplomate, Anatomic Pathology** July 2002

## **MEDICAL LICENSURE**

- California    License Number G85613 (active since Feb. 2000)  
Oregon        License Number 22028 (lapsed)  
Virginia      License Number 57562 (inactive)  
New York     License Number 207683 (inactive)

## **FORENSIC PATHOLOGY EMPLOYMENT (FULL TIME)**

- 2000-Present    Assistant Medical Examiner  
City & County of San Francisco Medical Examiner's Office; CA
- 1998-1999      Assistant Medical Examiner  
Richmond City, Chesterfield, Hanover, and Henrico Counties; VA

## **FORENSIC PATHOLOGY CONSULTATION (PER DIEM)**

- Discover Autopsy (1-800-AUTOPSY); Fresno, California 2008-2010  
Merced County Coroner Office; Merced, California 2008  
Monterey County Coroner Office; Salinas, California 2007-present  
San Joaquin County Coroner Office; Stockton, California 2007-2008  
Solano County Coroner Office; Fairfield, California 2009-present  
Stanislaus County Coroner Office; Modesto, California 2007-2008

## **BACKGROUND INVESTIGATIONS**

- Solano County, California: successfully completed 2009  
San Joaquin County, California: successfully completed 2007  
San Francisco City and County, California: successfully completed 2000  
New York County, New York: successfully completed 1993

## **FORENSIC PATHOLOGY EXPERT WITNESS TESTIMONY**

Alameda County, California (criminal court)  
Henrico County, Virginia (criminal court)  
Humboldt County, California (criminal court)  
Richmond City, Virginia (criminal court)  
San Francisco City and County, California (civil, criminal, and federal court)  
Solano County, California (criminal court)

## **FORENSIC PATHOLOGY COURSES**

July 2003      **Blood Stain Evidence Workshop**  
The Institute of Applied Forensic Technology, San Francisco, CA  
December 2002   **Crime Scene Investigation and Reconstruction**  
National Crime Investigation and Training, San Francisco, CA  
May 1999      **12<sup>th</sup> Annual Forensic Pathology Course**  
Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, Bethesda, MD  
April 1999      **Advanced Forensic Pathology Practicum**  
Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, FBI Academy, Quantico, VA  
March 1999      **35<sup>th</sup> Annual Forensic Dentistry Meeting**  
Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, Silver Spring, MD  
November 1998   **Basic Forensic Pathology**  
Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, Bethesda, MD

## **PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS**

**Azar VJ**, Hart AP, Casillas AL: A Disturbing Case: Suicide or Homicide: A Team Approach. Oral presentation at the 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual National Association of Medical Examiners Meeting, San Francisco, CA, 2009

**Azar VJ**, Lemos NP, Moffatt EG: Bloodstains, Natural versus Homicidal Origin. Poster presentation at the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual National Association of Medical Examiners Meeting, Savannah, GA, 2007

**Azar VJ**, Stephens BG, Hart AP, Lemos NP, Mar GL: Canine Homicide: Dog-Mauling Case Prosecuted as Second Degree Murder and Involuntary Manslaughter. Oral presentation at the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual National Association of Medical Examiners Meeting, Los Angeles, CA, 2005

Hart AP, **Azar VJ**, Hart KR, Stephens BG: Autopsy Artifact Created by the Revivant AutoPulse<sup>TM</sup> Resuscitation Device. J. Forensic Sci 50(1):164-168, 2005

Lemos NP, Karch SB, Lin E, Nazareno G, **Azar VJ**, Smith JJ, Hart AP, Stephens BG: Fentanyl in Seven Medical Examiner's Cases in the City and County of San Francisco. Oral presentation at the American Academy of Forensic Sciences 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, 2005

Lemos NP, Karch SB, Lin E, Nazareno G, **Azar VJ**, Smith JJ, Hart AP, Stephens BG: MDMA in Four Medical Examiner's Cases in the City and County of San Francisco. Poster presentation at the American Academy of Forensic Sciences 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, 2005

Karch SB, Lemos NP, Lin E, Nazareno G, **Azar VJ**, Hart AP, Stephens BG: Methadone related deaths in the City and County of San Francisco. Poster presentation at the American Academy of Forensic Sciences 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, 2005

Hart AP, **Azar VJ**, Hart KR, Stephens BG: Homicidal Injury or Resuscitation Artifact? Poster presentation at the American Academy of Forensic Sciences 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Dallas, TX, 2004.

Karch SB, Lemos NP, Lin E, Nazareno G, **Azar VJ**, Hart AP, Stephens BG: Drug Deaths in San Francisco. Proceedings of the Joint Society of Forensic Toxicologists and the International Association of Forensic Toxicologists Meeting: 363, 2004

**Azar VJ**, Hoda S: Chronic appendicitis may be a dubious pathological entity, but recurrent appendicitis is not. Poster presentation at the USCAP Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL, 1997

**Azar VJ**, Shen P, Hoda S: Do you really need a frozen now? An audit of night, weekend and holiday intra-operative consultations at the New York Hospital - Cornell University Medical Center. Poster presentation at the ASCP/CAP Fall National Meeting, San Diego CA, 1996

## **TEACHING AND LECTURES**

1998 - 1999 Forensic Medicine Instruction, The Medical College of Virginia Department of Pathology and Law Enforcement Personnel at the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, Richmond, VA

1996 - 1998 Breast Tumor Board Conference, The New York Presbyterian Hospital and Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, New York, NY

1994 - 1998 Morbidity and Mortality Conference, Autopsy Service Conference, and Pathology Teaching Conference, The New York Presbyterian Hospital, Cornell Campus, New York, NY

1994 - 1998 Combined Pathology Conference, The New York Presbyterian Hospital and Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, New York, NY

1994 - 1997 Surgical Assistant Pathology Course, The New York Presbyterian Hospital, Cornell Campus, New York, NY

1994 - 1996 Medical Student Pathology and Parasitology Laboratory, The New York Presbyterian Hospital, Cornell Campus, New York, NY

## **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP**

2002 - Present National Association of Medical Examiners