Forensic Dentistry Short Course

Disaster Victim Identification

Thursday 3 May - Sunday 6 May 2018

Course Description

This intensive short course is designed for dentists who are interested in learning about the role of dentistry in Disaster Victim Identification (DVI), including permanent and Reserve members of the Australian Defence Force. The course covers Disaster Victim Identification, including Interpol protocols, mortuary protocols, how we work with other forensic specialists, medico-legal report writing and appearing as an expert witness in court.

The course will include case studies, practical exercises and scenario-based training. The course will be led by two senior forensic odontologists with extensive experience in Disaster Victim Identification (Indian Ocean Tsunami 2005, Black Saturday 2009, MH17 2014). Guest lectures will be presented by forensic pathologists, a forensic anthropologist, the mortuary manager and a DNA expert.

Course Objectives

At the end of the course participants will have:

• an understanding of the role of forensic dentistry in DVI
• a familiarity with internationally recognised DVI protocols and processes, from the scene through to reconciliation
• observed an autopsy
• an understanding of the respective roles of forensic experts
• experience in medico-legal reporting and presenting in a moot court.

How to Register

For more information or to register, please contact:

short.courses@vifm.org

Location

The course will be delivered at the Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine in Melbourne.

65 Kavanagh Street,
Southbank VIC 3006.

Cost

Registration fee is $2,700 (includes GST)
Includes course manual, morning and afternoon tea, lunch, and certificate of attendance.

Note: Registrations will be limited to 16 and will close as soon as we have 16 registrations. This course is eligible for 28 Scientific hours / Continuing Professional Development (CPD) points.
"Fantastic, informative and very interesting course. All presenters were excellent, affable, knowledgeable and informative. A great experience overall and I look forward to enhancing my skills and learning more. Thank you to all presenters as well as the other personnel who contributed to this excellent, enjoyable experience."

Errol Kilov, TAS.

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"Both Jeremy and Richard, and all presenters, have been so friendly, helpful, informative and approachable. I have thoroughly enjoyed and been very engaged throughout this whole course. - certainly the best course I have participated in!"

Dr Michelle Keogh, VIC.

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**Day 1 - Thursday 3rd May 2018**

Basics of Forensic Odontology
Introduction to DVI

- Welcome / Introductions
- Introduction to Forensic Odontology
- MORNING TEA
- Introduction to DVI
- LUNCH
- ‘Operation Phoenix’ (Vic Bushfire)
- The Role of the Forensic Pathologist in DVI
- AFTERNOON TEA
- Discussion RE next 3 days

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**Day 2 - Friday 4th May 2018**

Phase I - The Scene
Phase II - Post-Mortem Examination

- Mortuary Protocols
- Autopsy Viewing
- The Role of the Fingerprint Expert in DVI
- MORNING TEA
- Phase I - The Scene
- LUNCH
- Phase I - The Scene Exercise
- Dental Ageing
- AFTERNOON TEA
- ‘Operation Cawdor’ (Tsunami)
- Dental Ageing Exercise

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**Day 3 - Saturday 5th May 2018**

Phase II - Post-Mortem Examination
Phase III - Ante-Mortem Data Collection

- Phase II - Post-Mortem Examination and Interpol Documentation
- Tooth Identification Exercise
- ‘Operation Awer’ (MH17)
- MORNING TEA
- Phase II - Post-Mortem Charting Exercise
- LUNCH
- Phase III - Ante-Mortem Data Collection Interpol Documentation
- AFTERNOON TEA
- PHASE III - Ante-Mortem Data Collection Exercise
- Dental Reconciliation Exercise

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**Day 4 - Sunday 6th May 2018**

Phase IV - Reconciliation of AM/PM Data
Phase V - Debriefing

- Phase IV - Reconciliation
- The Medico-Legal Report / Expert Witness
- MORNING TEA
- Phase IV - Reconciliation Exercise
- Preparation of Reports for Board
- LUNCH
- Board Presentations
- AFTERNOON TEA
- Phase V - Debriefing: Exercise
- Course Evaluation

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