

**Fee Proposal for Fulgencio P. Salinas M.D.  
To Provide Autopsy and Related Services for Hidalgo County  
at the Hidalgo County Forensic Center**

- I. Autopsy Cost
  - A. Autopsy and External Examinations- \$2,000.00
    - 1. Included
      - a. Full Autopsies (Natural, Unnatural, Undetermined, Homicide)
      - b. Partial Autopsies
      - c. External Examinations
      - d. Embalmed Bodies
      - e. Exhumed Bodies
    - B. Included in Autopsy cost
      - 1. Testimony
      - 2. Office staff other than those provided by County per the Contract
      - 3. CD of photographs
      - 4. Locum Tenens pathologist as needed (vacation and conference coverage)
      - 5. Specimen collection for testing
    - C. Not included in Autopsy cost
      - 1. Testing – Including but not limited to: Histology, Microbiology, Serology, Toxicology, DNA, Sexual Assault Kit
        - a. Testing media/kits
        - b. Laboratory costs
      - 2. Neuropathology consultation (with District Attorney approval)
      - 3. Forensic Anthropologist consultation (with District Attorney approval)
      - 4. Eye pathology consultation (with District Attorney approval)
      - 5. Forensic Odontology consultation (with District Attorney approval)
      - 6. Prints of photographs
- II. Non-autopsy Examinations
  - A. Non-human Skeletal Remains
    - 1. 1 – 10 Bones with Report- \$50
    - 2. >10 Bones with Report - \$100
  - B. Body Parts
    - 1. Single Body Part (small – finger/toe) (not a homicide) - \$100
      - a. Includes report, specimen collection, packaging specimen for shipment to testing lab(s), and review of testing report(s)
      - b. Not included are shipping costs or laboratory costs
    - 2. Single Body Part (large – arm/leg/head)(not a homicide) - \$200
      - a. Includes report, specimen collection, packaging specimen for shipment to testing lab(s), and review of testing report(s)
      - b. Not included are shipping costs or testing costs
    - 3. Body Parts of suspected homicide - \$500

- a. Includes report, specimen collection, packaging specimen for shipment to testing lab(s), and review of testing report(s)
- b. Includes Testimony
- c. Not included are shipping costs or testing costs
- d. Converts to Autopsy if body is found

C. Unknown Tissue

1. Uncomplicated and Less than 20lbs - \$50

- a. Includes report, specimen collection, packaging specimen for shipment to testing lab(s), and review of testing report(s)
- b. Not included are shipping costs or testing costs

2. Complicated or greater than 20lbs - \$100

- 1. Includes report, specimen collection, packaging specimen for shipment to testing lab(s), and review of testing report(s)
- c. Not included are shipping costs or testing costs

III. Other Fees

A. Case Review - \$150/hr.

- 1. Both homicide and non-homicide

B. Testimony on Cases not cut by Dr. Salinas - \$150/hr.

- 1. Hourly rate to be charged for preparation, travel, and testimony.

C. Transcription

- 1. Per Autopsy - \$75