



MONTGOMERY COUNTY CORONER

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY CORONER'S OFFICE (MCCO) INVESTIGATES DEATHS AS REQUIRED BY PA LAW

- Homicide
- Suicide
- Accidents
- Sudden Deaths
- No Signing Doctor
- Suspicious Circumstances

Some of the deaths MCCO investigates

2021 MCCO Data

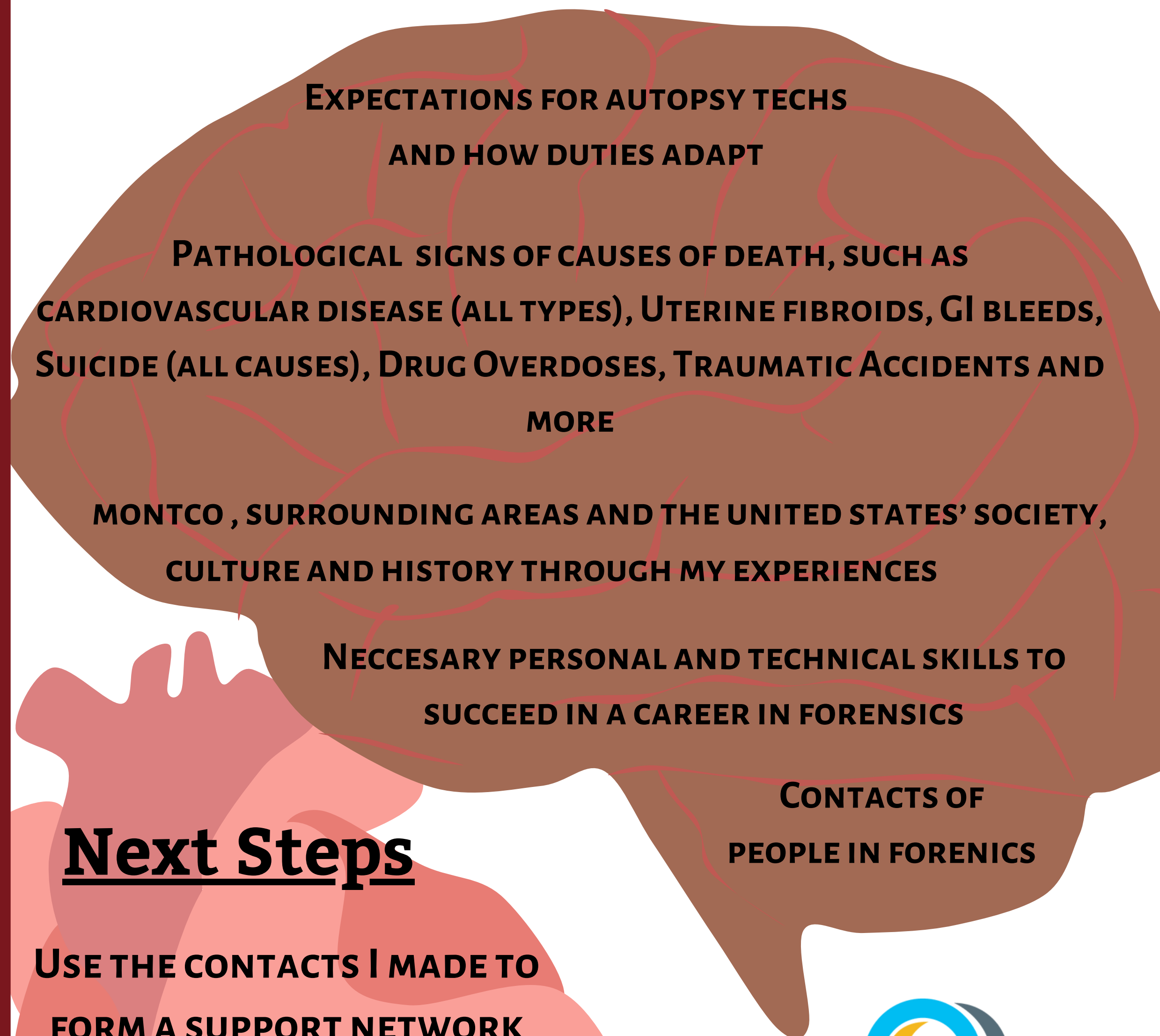
3571	DEATHS REPORTED	DEPUTY CORONERS DETERMINE IF THE MCCO HAS JURISDICTION
1263	CASES ACCEPTED	THESE CASES ARE JURISDICTION OF MCCO AND REQUIRE INVESTIGATION
1036	EXAMS DONE	FORENSIC PATHOLOGIST DOES AN EXAM TO DETERMINE CAUSE/MANNER OF DEATH
396	SCENE RESPONSES	A DEPUTY CORONER TO PHOTOGRAPH AND COLLECT EVIDENCE AT THE SCENE OF DEATH

INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE

- ASSIST WITH DAILY AUTOPSIES**
MEASURE AND RECORD ORGAN WEIGHTS, TAKE FINGERPRINTS, HELP EXAMS RUN SMOOTHLY. WE HAD AN AVERAGE OF 3 CASES DAILY
- RESPOND TO DEATH SCENES**
WITH DEPUTY CORONERS, ATTEND EATH SCENES AND ASSIST INVESTIGATION BY DETERMINING STATE OF DECOMPOSITION (RIGOR, LIVIDITY) AND INTERACT WITH FAMILY MEMBERS + LAW ENFORCEMENT
- ASSIST WITH BODY INTAKE/RELEASE**
ATTEND EATH SCENES AND ASSIST INVESTIGATION BY DETERMINING STATE OF DECOMPOSITION (RIGOR, LIVIDITY) AND INTERACT WITH FAMILY MEMBERS + LAW ENFORCEMENT
- HELP WITH OFFICE MANAGEMENT**
PERFORM OFFICE TASKS FOR THE COUNTY CORONER: PULL CASE FILES TO REVIEW & SEND TO PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICIALS, COPY AND DELIVER TOXICOLOGY REPORTS, ASSIST WITH HISTIOLOGY SLIDES,

This is snapshot of my activities. Many tasks and experiences were unique to the day. Such is the nature of the coroner's dept.

WHAT I LEARNED



Next Steps

- USE THE CONTACTS I MADE TO FORM A SUPPORT NETWORK
- GET MORE EXPERIENCE IN THE FIELD OF FORENSICS
- USE MY EXPERIENCES TO INFORM ADVOCACY TARGETS



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