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Caseloads exceed national standards

The National Association of Medical Examiners recommends that forensic pathologists perform no more than 250 autopsies a year. When doctors' annual caseloads exceed 325 cases, the organization contends the likelihood of serious autopsy errors increases dramatically. Forensic Medical Group doctors routinely exceed those limits, with some of its doctors examining more than 400 bodies a year, county coroner records show. Average caseloads from 2007-2009

FMG pathologist	2007	2008	2009	Avg.
Kelly Arthur	391	385	416	397
Thomas Gill	340	365	321	342
Arnold Josselson	474	490	402	455
Ikechi Ogan	360	315	251	308
Greg Reiber	358	294	296	316
Mark Super	583	592	576	583*
National average				250

^{*} Includes caseload as Sacramento County chief forensic pathologist and autopsies performed on behalf of FMG.