

There are several continuing education/quality improvement programs available by subscription for pathologists regarding autopsy and forensic pathology practice. Such programs are received by mail from the sponsoring organization and the subscribers utilize the materials in their place of practice as one method of continuing education.

The [College of American Pathologists](#) (CAP) has a Forensic Pathology Committee and an Autopsy Committee, each of which prepares APEX cases (Anatomic Pathology Excellence Program) for continuing education and quality improvement. These educational exercises typically consist of photographs, relevant history, and laboratory information about which questions are asked and for which relevant educational material and literature references are provided. The Forensic Pathology (FR) series is issued twice yearly as is the Autopsy (AU) series. Additional information may be obtained at (800)323-4040.

The [American Society of Clinical Pathologists](#) (ASCP) has a continuing education commission which includes a Forensic Pathology Council. The Forensic Pathology Council prepares Forensic Pathology Check Samples which are prepared 10 times per year and are similar in concept to the APEX series offered by the CAP.

CAP also offers laboratory proficiency testing programs which are discussed elsewhere and on the CAP web site.