

# The changing role of the Forensic Odontologist

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## **ABSTRACT**

The role of the Forensic Odontologist varies around the world. Changes in the role of the Forensic Odontologist in Western Australia over time are identified in a review of 27 years of case work. Suggestions are made for changes to the structure of training curricula for Forensic Odontologists as a result. The review considered the number and type of dental examinations requested relative to the Forensic Pathology case-load, the physical condition of the deceased as well as outcomes. Variation in the requests for Forensic Odontology services around the world is briefly discussed