

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES**  
**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**



**SUBJECT:** ASSISTING THE CORONER

**POLICY NO. 153**

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**PURPOSE::** To explain the Department's position regarding assistance to the Coroner's Office.

**POLICY::** The Chief Medical Examiner-Coroner of the County has the responsibility for conducting investigations and pathological tests in cases where death may result from unnatural causes.

Whenever such cases occur in the Department's facilities, it is the responsibility of this Department to call upon the Coroner's Office immediately. Administrators and AOD's shall see that this policy is enforced.

Department employees should cooperate as requested by the Coroner's Office to the extent that such cooperation is legal and in accordance with Federal, State, or County ordinances regarding the operations of Department patient care programs.

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**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Nov 24, 1975

**SUPERCEDES:**

**APPROVED:** Signature on File

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