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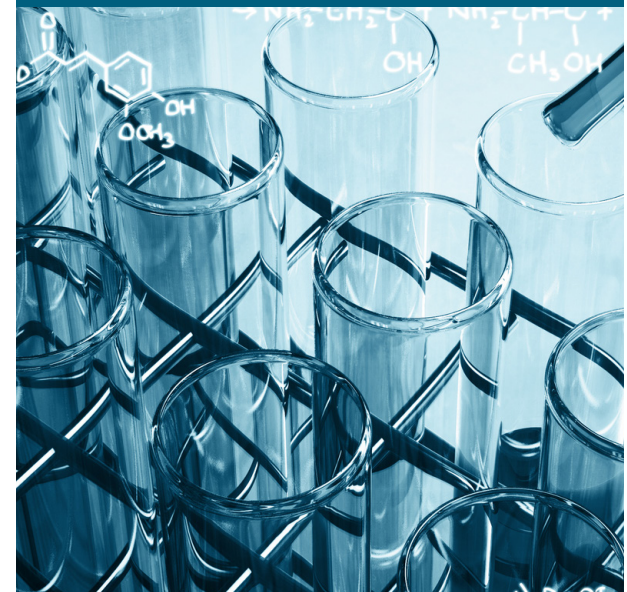
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Post-Mortem Toxicology Testing Program

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The Nebraska Department Health and Human Services Division of Public Health has a Post-Mortem Toxicology Testing Program to assist Nebraska county attorneys with toxicology testing.

The Post-Mortem Toxicology Testing Program is a FREE service that covers the cost of any suspected substance use overdose deaths.

Signing up with this program will help Nebraska with substance abuse and overdose data and prevention.

U.S. Overdoses

One person DIES every 19 minutes from a DRUG OVERDOSE in the United States AND this increasing trend is driven by Rx pain killers.



The Toxicology Testing Program is available to all counties within Nebraska. The program will help counties with supplies, education, and toxicology testing at NO COST.

The Toxicology Testing Program covers testing of blood, urine, and serum/plasma.

Suspicious substances can be legal, prescription, and/or illicit drugs. Does not require an autopsy to be performed.

Common drugs found in test results in Nebraska: cocaine, opioids, marijuana, methamphetamines, and prescriptions.



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Benefits

- Testing costs are paid by DHHS
- Turnaround time for results is 10-14 days
- Even if results show no drugs were present, test is still paid by DHHS
- Easy onboarding process
- Data from tests helps inform decision-making at the state and local level.

Process

- The county attorney, (coroner's contact) information is sent over to the territory manager at the pathology labs
- The account is set up, the county attorney will receive: collection kits, prepaid Federal Express air bills, and training.
- The pathology lab sends invoices to Division of Public Health.