

Forensic Pathology Service

The Forensic Pathology Service provides forensic pathology and clinical forensic medicine services to Government departments. It works closely with the Hong Kong Police Force and provides professional input on medico-legal aspects of criminal cases. The Forensic Pathology Service is also responsible for the operation and management of public mortuaries.

In 2000, some 5 400 post-mortem examinations, 1 200 clinical medico-legal examinations and 20 500 laboratory examinations were performed.

Pathology Service

The Pathology Service provides quality public health and clinical diagnostic laboratory services to Government clinics and health centres as well as certain public hospitals and institutions for both patient care and public health functions. It comprises eight laboratories, specialising in bacteriology, virology, haematology, cytology, histopathology, biochemistry, immunology and neonatal screening. It supports several important public health screening programmes such as neonatal glucose-6-phosphate-dehydrogenase deficiency, congenital hypothyroidism and cervical cancer. It also acts as the reference centre for malaria examination and the tuberculosis reference laboratory in the territory.

The public health laboratories perform microbiological examinations of water, food and dairy products. They also provide laboratory support for the investigation and control of infectious diseases.

法醫科

法醫科為政府部門在醫學鑑證問題上提供病理和臨床醫學意見。這個專科與警務處緊密合作，就刑事案件中涉及法醫學的問題，提供專業意見。同時又負責公眾殮房的運作及管理事宜。

在二零零零年，該科曾進行約 5 400 宗死因檢驗、1 200 宗臨床法醫學檢驗及 20 500 項化驗。

病理化驗服務部

病理化驗服務部為病人護理和公共衛生的需要向政府診所及健康中心、某些公立醫院及機構提供高素質的公共衛生及臨床診斷化驗服務，轄下共設有八間化驗室，專門提供細菌學、病毒學、血液學、細胞學、病理組織學、生物化學、免疫學及初生嬰兒普檢等化驗服務。該部又負責幾項重要的公共健康檢驗計劃，包括初生嬰兒葡萄糖六磷酸去氫醇素缺乏症、先天性甲狀腺功能不足症和子宮頸癌檢驗計劃。此外，亦設有檢定瘧疾的中央化驗所及結核病化驗室。

公共健康化驗室化驗食水、食物和奶類產品的微生物含量，同時又為傳染病調查及控制工作提供化驗分析的支援服務。