

**FORENSIC TOXICOLOGY LABORATORY
OFFICE OF CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER
CITY OF NEW YORK**

FINAL TOXICOLOGY REPORT

OCME CASES

The final toxicology report is issued upon completion of all necessary testing and multilevel data review. The original report is submitted to the OCME Records Department to be included in the OCME case file. The Records Department scans the original report into the OCME DMS Browser where it becomes available to all who have authorized access.

The information on the final report (other than toxicology results) will reflect what was originally written on the copy of the autopsy worksheet (AWS) received in the laboratory with the specimens. If the medical examiner finds an error or discrepancy in the OCME case number or anything else of significance, the FTL is notified immediately and appropriate corrections are made.

There are instances when further testing is requested by the medical examiner after the final toxicology report has been issued (e.g., additional information was received after the AWS was submitted). In such instances, the medical examiner contacts the FTL and the case is re-opened for additional testing.

FTL will issue reports only to the medical examiner of record. All other interested parties need to request reports from the OCME Records Department.

NON OCME CASES

The final toxicology report is issued upon completion of all necessary testing and multilevel data review. The original report is preserved in the case file. The original report is scanned (PDF) and uploaded to the NYPD data base.

A copy of the report is submitted to the Assistant District Attorney (ADA) upon receipt of a written request (letter, subpoena, e-mail). If the request is submitted by e-mail, a previously scanned copy of the original report is sent to the ADA as a PDF attachment.

ERRORS OR DEFFICIENCIES

Occasionally, errors or deficiencies may be uncovered that may have affected the reliability of toxicology results that have been reported. Deficiencies are corrected and amended or corrected reports are issued. Errors or deficiencies which are judged to be forensically significant are reported additionally reported to the Chief Medical Examiner, American Board of Forensic Toxicology and to the New York State Commission on Forensic Science.