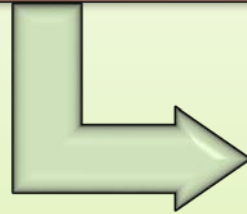




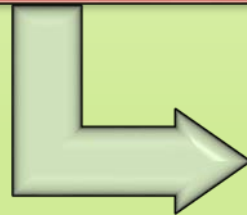
The County would need in excess of \$1 million dollars of additional/upgraded instrumentation for the CCME Toxicology Lab to avoid privatization.



The CCME Toxicology lab currently possesses all instrumentation required.



The CCME would require additional personnel and training for utilization of needed instrumentation in order to avoid privatizing.



The CCME Toxicology Lab is sufficiently staffed and lab personnel have familiarity with these instruments and methods.



The Toxicology Lab employees possess no licensing.



Every single employee in the Toxicology Lab is currently licensed or has applied for licensing through the Illinois State Police.



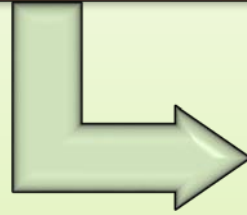
An estimated 1 million dollar savings would be gained through privatizing the toxicology lab.



No procurement request has been made so privatization costs are uncertain, and the ME will not share her cost study.

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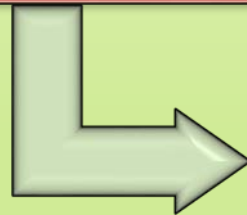
The average amount of time for the CCME Toxicology Lab to complete testing is 2 months.



There has not been a single month dating back to December '15 that the average number of days has reached or passed this threshold.

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The quality of the lab work will remain unchanged by outsourcing.



The outsourcing labs are organized for quantity over quality. These labs get value by the volume of samples, run not by thoroughness of analysis.

Toxicologist Primary Duties and Responsibilities

- Perform complex chemical and instrumental analyses on postmortem specimens.
- Participate in extensive and ongoing professional development through intra-laboratory training.
- Attend court hearings and testify on evidentiary findings.
- Obtain certification from an accredited toxicology program within 4 years of hire.
- Conduct themselves professionally when gathering and reviewing sensitive or confidential information.
- Operate complex analytical instrumentation
- Safely handle dangerous chemicals and biohazardous materials on a daily basis
- Skilled at tracking information both for external and internal purposes.
- Other Duties

Additional Services Rendered (Other Duties)

- Enforcing a strong chain of custody among all received specimens.
- Performing broad toxicological testing in an effort to identify all foreign substances in addition to targeted drug testing.
- Confer with the ME's in an effort to assign the correct tests which need to be performed.
- Report anomalies which could require additional or alternative testing.
- Able to identify clusters of drug dispersion to help us in future cases and provide crucial information for law enforcement.
- All testing is peer reviewed and all positive screenings have an additional confirmatory test performed.

**THESE ARE SERVICES THAT WILL NOT BE
PROVIDED BY A PRIVATIZED LAB**