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Dr. Gary Berman is a Board Certified Forensic Odontologist on staff at the Wayne County Medical Examiner's office and a Forensic Odontology consultant to Sparrow Forensic Pathology Services, Genesee County Medical Examiner, Washtenaw County Medical Examiner, and the Oakland County Medical Examiner's office. Dr. Berman serves as the Morgue Operations Supervisor for the MiMORT (Michigan Mortuary Operations Response Team) and is on its advisory committee. Dr. Berman is also a member of DMORT region V and a member of Kenyan International. He is the assistant team leader of the Michigan Dental Association's Forensic Dental Identification Team and a member of its "Go Team".

Dr. Berman is a Fellow of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences. He a past Chair of the Odontology Section of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences and is a past President of the American Society of Forensic Odontology. He is currently the treasurer of the American Board of Forensic Odontology. He was named as "Dentist Citizen of the Year" in 2006 by the Detroit District Dental Society for his work during the Hurricane Katrina disaster and also received the "Dentist Citizen of the Year" award by the Michigan Dental Association in 2002 for his work during the World Trade Center disaster.

In addition to his Forensic Odontology consulting, Dr. Berman helps teach a yearly Forensic Dentistry course for the University of Detroit Mercy Dental School at the Wayne County Medical Examiner's Office. He has also taught Mass Disaster courses throughout the United States including Indiana, Nebraska, Missouri, Colorado, Florida, South Carolina, Ohio, Michigan, and in Ontario, Canada.

Title of Presentation:

Forensic Dentistry - From the local Medical Examiners office to Mass Disaster.

Objectives:

1. Understand the role of the Forensic Dentist in a Medical Examiner's office
2. Understand the procedures involved in a dental identification
3. Understand the organization of a Federal and State Mass Disaster Dental Identification Teams; i.e. MiMORT and DMORT
4. Understand the role of the Forensic Dentist in the Mass Disaster Situation, with emphasize on Hurricane Katrina and World Trade Center.
5. Understand the role of the Forensic Dentist in Bitemark Analysis and it's limitations

Description:

- This course will examine the role of the Forensic Dentist in the local Medical Examiner's office with examples of typical cases seen in the Medical Examiners office including Dental Identification, Bitemark Analysis, and Child Abuse.
- The makeup of the state of Michigan's Mass Disaster Team - MiMORT (Michigan Mortuary Response Team) and it's dental component, MDAFDIT (Michigan Dental Association Forensic Dental Identification Team) will be discussed.
- The Federal Disaster Team – DMORT (Disaster Mortuary Operations Response Team) response to both the World Trade Center and recently Hurricane Katrina, will be discussed with the emphasize on the role that the Forensic Odontologists played.