



Bennet Omalu

P A T H O L O G Y

**PLAN AND FEE SCHEDULE
2026-2029 COUNTY OF LAKE,
CALIFORNIA**

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COST PLAN AND FEE SCHEDULE NARRATIVE

The last time our service costs were increased was in 2019. Since then, the cost of doing business, including inflation, labor, materials, and utilities costs, have increased by about 20 – 25%. Unfortunately, at this time, in order to remain in business, we have to increase our service costs, however we are increasing them by a reasonable rate of about 0 - 20% only.

A. Free Services and Waived Fees:

Bennet Omalu Pathology will not charge for the following services as a good will offer and gesture by Bennet Omalu Pathology to reaffirm that we are partners in service. We shall charge for only direct autopsy related services with no billing for administrative services.

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| 1. Transportation to and from County of Lake: | No Charges |
| 2. Training and continuing medical education: | No Charges [Maximum of 2 sessions per year] ¹ |
| 3. County administrative and committee meetings | No Charges [Maximum of 2 meetings per year] ² |
| 4. Transcription services: | No Charges |
| 5. Doctor trip fee: | No Charges |

B. Direct Autopsy Services:

Bennet Omalu Pathology will charge the same autopsy fees for all categories and types of full autopsies. However, there shall be a “Complex Case Fee” surcharge for homicides, infant and pediatric autopsies, motor vehicle, train and aircraft crashes and suspicious cases that are treated like homicides. While we do not differentiate types of autopsies based on the type of case or age of the deceased, certain autopsies require complex handling, processing, documenting and analyses and can take 5 – 10 times longer to perform and complete. This will still save the county significant amounts of money if these bodies were to be shipped to other agencies, counties and facilities for autopsies.

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| 1. Full Autopsy | \$2,000.00 per case |
| 2. Partial or Targeted Autopsy | \$1,700.00 per case |
| 3. External Autopsy | \$1,200.00 per case |
| 4. Medical Records Review | \$ 650.00 per case |
| 5. Tissue Grossing and Processing | \$ 165.00 per case |
| 6. Microscopic Examination and Analysis | \$ 350.00 per case |
| 7. Autopsy Technician Fee | \$ 390.00 per case |
| 8. Specimen handling, processing, storage and transportation | \$ 65.00 per case |
| 9. Complex Case Fee | \$ 497.00 per case |
| 10. Autopsy Tissue Immunohistochemistry [All Types] | \$ 149.00 per slide |
| 11. Specialized Autopsy Tissue Histochemistry [All Types] | \$ 149.00 per slide |
| 12. Review of prior or archival cases and autopsies | \$ 600.00 per hour |
| 13. Scene visits and scene investigations | \$ 600.00 per hour |

¹ If greater than 2 sessions in one year, Bennet Omalu Pathology shall bill \$600.00 per hour

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C. Forensic Neuropathology Services

The College of American Pathologists, National Association of Medical Examiners and American Association of Neuropathologists currently require the whole brain to be fixed in formalin for at least two weeks and comprehensively examined with specified protocols. Brain tissue is processed differently from other tissues in the human body, and only specialized tissue laboratories perform such analysis. In addition to specialized histochemical stains, we also perform specialized immunohistochemical stains that will provide answers to medico-legal questions in homicide cases, child abuse cases and elder abuse cases. The standards of practice as set by these governing agencies and associations state that the brain shall be examined in cases involving Seizure Disorder, Sudden Death in Epilepsy, Excited Delirium, Child Abuse, Elder Abuse, Physical Homicidal Assaults, Sudden Death in an Infant or Child, Intra-Operative Deaths etc. This rate is a highly discounted rate. Bennet Omalu Pathology charges a fee of \$7,500 to \$15,000 for forensic neuropathology examination of cases sent to us from universities, coroners and medical examiners from across the United States. We are reducing this rate by 60-80% for Lake County because of the contractual relationship we share.

1. Whole brain examination with or without spinal cord, pituitary gland and dura mater \$2,550.00 per case
2. Brain tissue histology \$ 410.00 per case
3. Brain immunohistochemistry [All types] \$ 149.00 per slide
4. Specialized brain histochemistry [All types] \$ 149.00 per slide

D. Specialized Tissue and Body Fluid Testing and Laboratory Analysis

Each test including tissue histological and immunohistochemical analyses, mutational analysis, biochemical analysis, microbiological analysis and toxicologic analysis shall be billed directly for only the laboratory fee charged by the laboratories without any additional fee or cost from Bennet Omalu Pathology

1. The County shall be billed only the total laboratory fee with attached invoice from the laboratory or receipt of payment to the laboratory, without any additional fee from Bennet Omalu Pathology.
2. The per unit cost of these tests are not available and cannot be determined. There are many laboratories across the United States that we use for our services, and there are tens of thousands of unique tests and algorithms than can be performed. It is not reasonably feasible to list all these possible tests performed by different laboratories across the United States. Most of the tests cost from several tens of dollars to several hundreds of dollars. Most laboratory tests cost less than \$3,600.

E. Specialized Tissue Reagents and Chemicals

These are all types of specialized tissue reagents and chemicals that are not used routinely for example Osmium Tetroxide and Potassium Dichromate. These types of chemicals are rarely used and may never be used or used once or twice in 5-10 years.

1. The County shall be billed the total purchase price with attached invoice or receipt of purchase.

F. Autopsy Supplies

These are all types of supplies for performing autopsies, handling and processing tissue and body fluid samples for example specimen tubes and DNA cards.

1. Bennet Omalu Pathology will bill the county the total purchase price with attached invoice or receipt of purchase whenever the county instructs us to purchase autopsy supplies.

G. Expert Witness, Consultations and Testimonies

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| 1. Testimony [preliminary hearing, grand jury and trial] | \$650.00 per hour |
| 2. Pre-trial office or telephone conferences and consultations | \$650.00 per hour |
| 3. Trial preparation and research | \$650.00 per hour |
| 4. Composition of all types of reports | \$650.00 per hour |
| 5. Waiting time in court | \$290.00 per hour |

H. SUBMISSION OF INVOICES

Invoices will be submitted by Bennet Omalu Pathology to the designated personnel at the Sheriff-Coroner's Office or District Attorney's Office, by e-mail, on bi-weekly basis, by the 15th of every month, and by the 30th of every month [by the 28th for the month of February] for autopsies that have been performed and other services that have been provided. Payments are expected within 30 days of receipt of all invoices.