



Short biography: Gert Saayman

Prof Gert Saayman is Head of the Department of Forensic Medicine at the University of Pretoria and Chief Specialist in the Forensic Pathology Service, Pretoria.

He has 30 years of experience as a forensic pathologist and is responsible for the medico-legal investigation of unnatural and unexplained deaths in Northern Gauteng and has performed and supervised approximately 20,000 such case investigations and post mortem examinations.

He oversees the training programs and research activities of postgraduate students in forensic pathology and in medical criminalistics. He has authored and co-authored more than fifty peer reviewed publications in local and international journals in the field of forensic medicine and science and serves on various professional committees and editorial boards/panels.

Prof Saayman acts regularly as expert witness in legal proceedings and as advisor to the SAPS, Director of Public Prosecutions and the Department of Justice and as consultant to legal practitioners and agencies such as the Medical Protection Society.