



WHATCOM COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER'S OFFICE

ALDO J. FUSARO, DO, CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER

Memorandum

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

FROM: Aldo Fusaro, DO, Chief Medical Examiner

RE: Proposed Interlocal Agreement between Whatcom County and Snohomish County for Neuropathology Services

DATE: August 19th, 2025

Attached is an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Snohomish County for your review and signature.

- **Background and Purpose**

The Whatcom County Medical Examiner's Office has the occasional need for neuropathology services as a diagnostic tool to assist in the determination of the cause and manner of death. The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has a Board-Certified Forensic Pathologist on staff, who is trained in neuropathology. This agreement would allow for the provision of neuropathology services as offered by Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office.

- **Funding Amount and Source**

The cost of the service is \$1500 per case, and we predict that we will require no more than three neuropathology studies per year, for a total of \$4,500. A budget transfer in the existing 2025 budget has been made to cover this expense, so no additional funding source is required.

- **Differences from Previous Contracts**

This is a new agreement; however, Snohomish County has previously provided the service to Whatcom County at the request of prior administrations in the Medical Examiner's Office. Formalizing the agreement provides clarity around the expectations of service.

Please contact Louise Trapp, Operations Manager, at the Whatcom County Medical Examiner's Office at: 360-778-6084 or ltrapp@co.whatcom.wa.us, if you have any questions.