



### **Sally S. Aiken, MD**

Dr. Aiken graduated from Washington State University in Bacteriology and Public Health, the first in her class. She attended Medical School at the University of Washington, then was a rotating intern at Swedish Hospital in Seattle. Her Pathology residency was completed at Oregon Health Sciences University, and she was chief resident during her last year. She was a Forensic Pathology fellow at the King County Medical Examiner's Office. Dr. Aiken is board-certified by the American Board of Pathology in

Anatomic and Clinical Pathology, and in Forensic Pathology.

Her first practice years were as a member of a private pathology group that contracted with the San Joaquin County Sheriff-Coroner. She returned to Washington State in 2000, a year after the Spokane County Coroner converted to a Medical Examiner system, the conversion initiated by a county advisory ballot. Dr. Aiken became chief of the Spokane County Medical Examiner's Office in 2001 and remained at the office until retiring in 2021. Under her leadership the office became NAME-accredited and built a new state-of-the-art facility. The office serves Spokane County and performs autopsies for multiple coroner counties in Washington and the Idaho panhandle. She has performed more than 9,000 autopsies.

Dr. Aiken has served on numerous committees for the National Association of Medical Examiners (NAME), was President of NAME in 2020, and received three NAME service awards. She was an original member of OSAC's Quality Infrastructure Committee (QIC) and served on it for a 4-year term. Dr. Aiken was appointed to the [FSSB](#) in 2022 and serves as the NAME representative.