

Three-Tier Medico legal System

Health Department
Government of Punjab
Lahore

1st tier

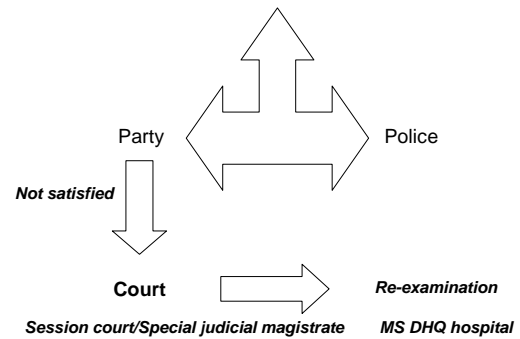
- Casualty Medical Officers (CMOs)
 - Teaching hospitals
 - District Headquarter Hospitals (DHQs)
 - Tehsil Headquarter Hospitals (THQs)
 - Rural Health Centres (RHC)
 - senior medical officers (SMOs)
 - medical officers (MOs)

Medico legal duties of CMOs

- To deal all medico legal cases of the police stations within his jurisdiction
 - Police cases
 - compulsory
 - administrative
 - Private cases
- Medico legal fee
 - Rs. 200/- per MLC all over Punjab

2nd tier medico legal examination

1st medico legal examiner issues MLC



2nd tier

- District Standing Medical Board (DSMB)
 - Composition
 - Medical Superintendent DHQ Hospital (Chairman)
 - District Medico Legal Officer (DMLO) (Technical Member)
 - District Surgeon (Member)
 - District Officer Health (Member)

District Standing Medical Board (DSMB)

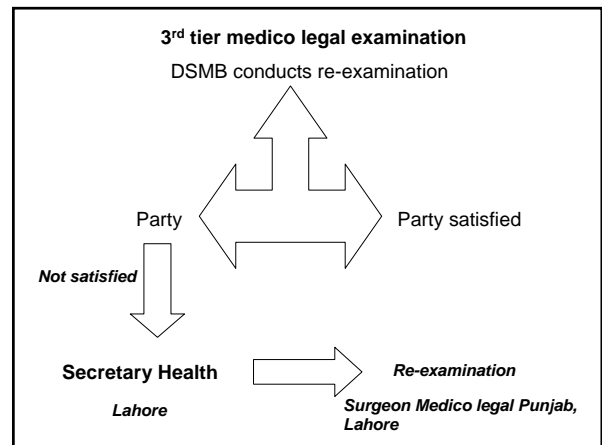


Duties of DSMB

- Initial examination in cases of police torture
 - Medico legal examination of the living
 - Post mortem examination of the dead
- Re-examination in cases where decision of 1st examiner is challenged
 - Judicial orders of re-examination

Duties of DMLO

- Supervision of all medico legal & post mortem work in the district
- Training of doctors/lady doctors
- Can initiate inquiry against some medico legal examiner
- Can recommend disciplinary action to Health Department
- Technical member of DSMB



3rd tier

- Provincial Standing Medical Board (PSMB)
 - **Composition**
 - Surgeon Medico legal Punjab, Lahore (*Chairman*)
 - Medical Superintendent teaching hospital (*Member*)
 - Head of Forensic Medicine (*Member*)

Provincial Standing Medical Board Faisalabad



Summary

- A 3-tier system of medico legal system exists in Punjab
- If party seeks justice it has 3 opportunities to get it
- Composition of DSMB & PSMB
- Duties of CMO, DSMB, DMLO & PSMB

Questions??