

Thomas Wilson Center was formerly called Mt. Wilson Center. Established in 1925, and for many years the State's institution for the treatment of patients with tuberculosis, the Center's hospital unit serves predominantly patients with chronic respiratory diseases. The nursing home unit was established for geriatric patients previously cared for in State hospital units.

WESTERN MARYLAND CENTER

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Western Maryland Center, originally Western Maryland State Hospital, authorized by Chapter 53, Acts of 1952, was opened in 1957 and currently has 139 licensed hospital beds and 36 licensed skilled nursing home beds for rehabilitation services and the care of the chronically ill. An outpatient unit is maintained to provide hemodialysis for patients with chronic kidney disease.

DEPARTMENT OF POST-MORTEM EXAMINERS

MARYLAND POST-MORTEM EXAMINERS COMMISSION

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The Department of Post-Mortem Examiners, created by Chapter 69, Acts of 1939, to replace a decentralized system of local coroners, is directed by a commission composed of the Professor of Pathology of the University of Maryland, the Professor of Pathology at The Johns Hopkins University, a representative of the State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene selected

by the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, the Commissioner of Health of Baltimore City, and the Superintendent of the Maryland State Police. The Department replaced the coroners of Baltimore City by a chief and two assistant medical examiners, and the county coroners by deputy medical examiners. A toxicologist was also provided for the Department. Since then the General Assembly has authorized three additional assistant medical examiners, two assistant toxicologists, and a serologist. In 1969 one of the assistant medical examiners was designated deputy chief medical examiner. The Commission appoints all professional personnel. Other personnel are employed through the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

The medical examiners investigate violent and suspicious deaths or deaths unattended by physicians throughout the State. They must file reports of all deaths investigated with the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner. The records of the Department are open for inspection to the family of the deceased and are acceptable in court as evidence of the facts contained.

The deputy medical examiner fee for each death investigated and all salaries and operating expenses of the Department are handled through the State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene in the budget section defined for the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner. This includes the expenses of performing autopsies in the counties, where such are authorized by the chief medical examiner, and for the transportation of bodies incident to all autopsies.

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The Assistant Secretary for Health Regulation and Policy Analysis is responsible for coordinating the activities of the Health Services Cost Review Commission and the Maryland Health Planning and Development Agency and for assuring that both organizations receive adequate administrative support. The Assistant Secretariat brings together the principal health regulatory functions of the Department and the Assistant Secretary provides leadership and guidance for the regulatory and licensing programs of the Department. With the assistance of a program evaluation staff,