

**CURRICULUM VITAE****PERSONAL:**

**Name:** Simon Paul Avis, B.Med.Sci., M.D., F.R.C.P.C.

**Address:** [REDACTED]

**Date of Birth:** [REDACTED]

**Citizenship:** Canadian

**Place of Birth:** Kingston-Upon-Thames, Surrey, England

**Marital Status:** Married: [REDACTED]

**Children:** [REDACTED]

**EDUCATION:**

**High School:** Southborough Boys School, Surrey, England

**University:** 1972-75; Memorial University of Newfoundland,  
Major - Psychology

1975-79; Memorial University of Newfoundland,  
B. Med. Sci., M.D.

**Post-Graduate:** 1979-80; Internship, Memorial University of  
Newfoundland - L.M.C.C.

1985-89; Resident in Pathology, Memorial  
University of Newfoundland

June 1989; Certification from Royal College of Physicians  
and Surgeons of Canada in General Pathology

June 1989; Certification from Royal College of Physicians  
and Surgeons of Canada in Anatomical Pathology

March 2011: Founder designation in Forensic Pathology by  
Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada

**C.M.E.:**

October 1989; Basic Forensic Pathology course,  
AFIP, Washington

March 1990; Advanced Forensic Pathology course,  
AFIP, Washington

November 1990; Aerospace Pathology and Accident Investigation -  
AFIP Washington

April 1991; Forensic Dentistry, AFIP, Washington, D.C.

July 1 - September 30, 1991; Study Leave - Office of the Chief Medical  
Examiner, Washington, D.C.

**Medical License:**

Newfoundland, [REDACTED]

**WORK EXPERIENCE:****1969-1970:**

Junior Laboratory Technician, Queen Mary's  
Hospital, Roehampton, England

**1972-1973:**

Laboratory Assistant, Department of Pathology,  
Memorial University of Newfoundland

**1980-1981:**

Assistant Medical Officer, Botwood Cottage  
Hospital, Botwood, Newfoundland

**1981-1985:**

Private Practice in Family Medicine, Wedowee,  
Alabama, U.S.A., 36278

**1989-1995:**

Assistant Professor of Pathology (Forensic),  
Memorial University of Newfoundland

**1995 - 2002**

Associate Professor of Laboratory Medicine (Forensic)  
Memorial University of Newfoundland

**2002 - Present**

Professor of Laboratory Medicine (Forensic),  
Memorial University of Newfoundland

**2007 - Present**

Chair, Discipline of Laboratory Medicine, Faculty of Medicine,  
Memorial University of Newfoundland

**APPOINTMENTS:**

<b><u>1983-1985:</u></b>	Chief of Staff, Wedowee Hospital, Wedowee, Alabama, 36278
<b><u>1986-1988:</u></b>	Administrative Resident, Department of Pathology, Memorial University of Newfoundland
<b><u>1989-1996:</u></b>	Active Staff, General Hospital, St. John's
<b><u>August 1, 1990:</u></b>	Deputy Chief Forensic Pathologist, Province of Newfoundland and Labrador
<b><u>August 1, 1995:</u></b>	Chief Forensic Pathologist, Province of Newfoundland and Labrador
<b><u>September 1, 1996:</u></b>	Chief Medical Examiner, Province of Newfoundland and Labrador

**ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS:**

<b><u>1987-1988:</u></b>	Vice-President, PAIRN
<b><u>1988-1989:</u></b>	Secretary, PAIRN
<b><u>1990 - 1992</u></b>	President, Newfoundland Association of Pathologists
<b><u>1992 - 2002</u></b>	Residency Director, General Pathology, Department of Pathology, Memorial University of Newfoundland
<b><u>1995</u></b>	Committee to draft "Fatalities Investigations Act"
<b><u>1996</u></b>	Establish and implement Medical Examiner System in Newfoundland
<b><u>2000 - 2003</u></b>	Chair, Canadian Conference of Chief Coroners and Chief Medical Examiners of Canada

**COMMITTEES:**

<b><u>1986 - Present:</u></b>	Residence Training Committee, Department of Pathology, Memorial University of Newfoundland
<b><u>1989 - 1991:</u></b>	Chairman, Second Year Curriculum Subcommittee Pathology
<b><u>1993 - 1994</u></b>	Medical Advisory Committee, General Hospital, Health Sciences Centre, St. John's
<b><u>2000</u></b>	National Co-ordinating Committee (Canadian Council for Donation and Transplantation)
<b><u>2002</u></b>	Minimum Dataset Working Group - National Coroners and Medical Examiners Database
<b><u>2003</u></b>	Invited Participant - Severe Brain Injury to Neurological Determination of Death: A Canadian Forum, Vancouver, April 9 - 11
<b><u>2004 - 2007</u></b>	Member, RCPSC Working Group in Forensic Pathology
<b><u>2005</u></b>	Participant - Donation after Cardiocirculatory Determination of Death - A Canadian Forum - Vancouver, February 2005  Chair - Ad hoc committee "Donation Potential Beyond Acute Care", Canadian Council for Donation and Transplantation
<b><u>2006</u></b>	Member, Tissue and Transplantation Committee - Standing Committee of the Canadian Council for Donation and Transplantation
<b><u>2006</u></b>	Member, The Perinatal/Maternal Special Interest Group (A subcommittee of the Provincial Perinatal Advisory Committee).
<b><u>2007 - 2014</u></b>	Vice-Chair, RCPSC, Forensic Pathology Specialty Committee
<b><u>2008 – Present</u></b>	Member, Examinations Committee, Forensic Pathology, RCPSC
<b><u>2008 – Present</u></b>	Practice Eligibility Route (Forensic Pathology) Assessor
<b><u>2014 – Present</u></b>	Chair, RCPSC, Forensic Pathology Speciality Committee

**LEARNED SOCIETIES:**

1. Fellow of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences.
2. Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada
3. Member of the National Association of Medical Examiners
4. Member of the Canadian Society of Forensic Sciences

**COURSES AND SEMINARS GIVEN:**

<b><u>1993 - Present</u></b>	Royal Newfoundland Constabulary "Criminal Investigation Techniques".
<b><u>1995</u></b>	Invited Panellist "Death Investigation", annual meeting of Provincial Court Judges, Province of Newfoundland and Labrador
<b><u>1996</u></b>	Forensic Pathology "Death Investigation": 2 day seminar on basic Forensic Pathology, St. John's, March 23 and 24, 1996
<b><u>1996</u></b>	Medical Examiners Symposium, Halifax, Nova Scotia: Invited Lecturer
<b><u>1997 - 2005</u></b>	Major Crime Investigative Techniques Course, Atlantic Police Academy, P.E.I.  Advanced Police Science, Atlantic Police Academy, P.E.I.  Death Investigation, Atlantic Police Academy, P.E.I.
<b><u>1997</u></b>	Keynote speaker, Annual Meeting, Canadian Society of Safety Engineers
<b><u>1998 - 2003</u></b>	Major Crime Investigative Techniques Course, Canadian Police College, Ottawa
<b><u>2000</u></b>	Guest speaker, Nova Scotia Medical Examiners meeting
<b><u>2003 - 2004</u></b>	Major Crime Investigative Techniques Course, RCMP Western Region Training Centre, Chilliwack
<b><u>2005</u></b>	"Death Investigation" course, RNC Police Science Program, St. John's

**COURSES AND SEMINARS GIVEN: (CONT'D)**

<b><u>2005</u></b>	Invited Speaker, RCMP Atlantic Region Major Crimes Conference, St. John's
<b><u>2006</u></b>	Speaker, Atlantic Canada Death Investigations Seminar, Halifax, (February)
<b><u>2006</u></b>	Fire Investigators Course, St. John's, (March)
<b><u>2006</u></b>	Keynote speaker: Newfoundland and Labrador Society of Laboratory Technologists

**COURT EXPERIENCE:**

Qualified as an expert witness in Forensic Pathology by the Supreme Court of Canada, Provincial and Supreme Courts of Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Ontario.

**PUBLICATIONS:**

1. Avis, Simon P., "An Unusual Suicide; The Importance of the Scene Investigation". American Journal of Forensic Medicine and Pathology, 1993; 14 (2): 148-150.
2. Avis, Simon P., Hutton, Charles J., "Acute Benzene Poisoning; A Report of Three Fatalities". Journal of Forensic Sciences, 1993; 38 (3): 599-602.
3. Avis, Simon P., "Non-traumatic Acute Subdural Hematoma: A Case Report and Review of the Literature". American Journal of Forensic Medicine and Pathology, 1993; 14 (2): 130-134.
4. Avis, Simon P., "Suicidal Drowning", Journal of Forensic Sciences, 1993; 38 (6): 1422-1426.
5. Avis, Simon P., "Suicide Using A Bucksaw". Canadian Society of Forensic Science Journal, 1993; 26 (4): 139-142.
6. Avis, Simon P., Hutton, Charles J., "Dyadic Suicide, A Case Study". American Journal of Forensic Medicine and Pathology, 1994; 15 (1): 18-20.
7. Avis, Simon P., Archibald, J. Thomas, "Asphyxial Suicide by Propane Inhalation and Plastic Bag Suffocation". Journal of Forensic Sciences, 1994; 39 (1): 253-256.
8. Avis, Simon P., "Suicidal Gunshot Wounds", Forensic Science International, 1994; 67: 41-47.

**PUBLICATIONS:** (CONT'D)

9. Avis, Simon P., "Snowmobile Fatalities", *Journal of Forensic Sciences*, 1994; 39; (5): 1161-1167.
10. Chhanabhai, M., Avis, S.P., Hutton, C.J., "Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia: A Case of Sudden Unexpected Death in Childhood". *American Journal of Forensic Medicine and Pathology*, 1995; 16(1): 27-29.
11. Avis, S.P., Pryse-Phillips, W., "Sudden Death in Multiple Sclerosis Associated with Sun Exposure: A Report of Two Cases". *The Canadian Journal of Neurological Sciences*, 1995; 22: 305-307.
12. Avis, S.P., "Homicide In Newfoundland: A Nine Year Review", *Journal of Forensic Sciences*, 1996; 41(1): 101-105.
13. Avis, Simon P., "Esophagopericardial Fistula: An Unusual Cause of Sudden Unexpected Death". *American Journal of Forensic Medicine and Pathology*, 1996; 17(1):83-85.
14. Avis, S.P., "Suicide in Metropolitan St. John's 1988-1994", *Canadian Society of Forensic Science Journal*, 1996; 29(3): 119-125.
15. Avis, S.P., Holzbecher, M.D., "A Fatal Case of Methotrimeprazine Overdose", *Journal of Forensic Sciences*, 1996; 41(6): 1080-1081.
16. Avis, S.P., "Death Investigation in Canada", *Journal of Forensic Sciences*, 1998; 43(2):377-379.
17. Avis, S.P., "Dog Pack Attack - Hunting Humans", *American Journal of Forensic Medicine and Pathology*, 1999; 20 (3), 243-246.
18. Maroun, F.B., Roger, E., Murray, G., Avis, S.P., O'Brien, M., Avery, R., Johnston, K.M., "Penetrating Head Injury from Wood Slab", *Journal of Trauma*, 2002 (May); 52 (5): 1008.
19. Edwards, N., Alaghebandan, R., McDonald D., Sikdar, K., Collins, K., Avis, S., "Suicide in Newfoundland and Labrador: A Linkage Study Using Medical Examiner And Vital Statistics Data". *Canadian Journal of Psychiatry* 2008; 53 (4): 252-259.
20. Pullela, Ravi, Young, Lorraine, Gallagher, Barry, Avis, Simon P., Randell, Edward W., "A Case of Fatal Aconitine Poisoning by Monkshood Ingestion", *Journal of Forensic Sciences*, March 2008, Vol. 53, No. 2, 491-494.

**ABSTRACTS**

1. Avis, Simon P., "Suicidal Drowning"; 45th. Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences, Boston, 1993.
2. Avis, Simon P., "Snowmobile Fatalities"; 46th. Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences, San Antonio, 1994.
3. Avis, Simon P., "Esophagopericardial Fistula: An Unusual Cause of Sudden Unexpected Death". Annual Meeting of the National Association of Medical Examiners, Charleston, 1994.
4. Avis, Simon P., Pryse-Phillips, W., "Sudden Death in Multiple Sclerosis Associated with Sun Exposure: A Report of Two Cases", Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences, Nashville, 1996.

**OTHER:**

1. Avis, S.P., Hutton, C.J., "Forensic Pathology" in "The Expert: A Practitioner's Guide", Matthews, Pink, Tupper, Wells (Editors), Carswell, 1995.
2. Severe Brain Injury to Neurological Determination of Death: Canadian Forum Recommendations, CMAJ, March 14, 2006.
3. National Recommendations for Donation after Cardiocirculatory Death in Canada, CMAJ, October 10, 2006, 175 (8), suppl. S1-S24.