The Department of Forensic Medicine (RI) is a classically structured forensic institution with three main sections (forensic pathology (including forensic anthropology and odontology), forensic chemistry and forensic genetics). Thus, the RI covers the full spectrum of medico-legal disciplines.

We play a significant role in society, as we deliver research-based analyses and knowledge to both the police, the judiciary, The Danish Health Authority and the Immigration office. More than 90% of our work serves the purpose of either analysing forensic biological data from criminal cases, immigration cases, from paternity and family reunion cases and surveying the illegal drug scene. Forensic medical investigations are an important factor in many court cases and decisions made by the Danish authorities. RI are entrusted these tasks because we ensure high precision, research-based analyses (accredited according to international quality assurance standards), performed independently of the judiciary.

Strategic Goals 2018-2023

- Developing a ‘Forensic Science Knowledge and Innovation Center’
- Boosting mid-level scientific staff levels
- Focusing on Intra-departmental cooperation
- Establishing research time for researchers otherwise heavily engaged in production

Action Plans 2019

Research

- Seek and strengthen collaboration that ensures optimal usage of data for scientific purposes with a clear application to improve safety, health and prevention of morbidity and pre-term mortality
- Recruit young researchers in tenure track systems and augment the number of associate professors both by internal and external funding

Education

- Further develop our digital teaching methods to increase student engagement both in the classroom as well as outside the classroom

Collaboration, societal commitment and outreach

- Improve the synergy between research and the case work
- Ensure good agreements with the authorities regarding future case work
- Collaborate with more partners to increase our societal contribution, particularly in clinical practice
- Build a proactive and systematic communication effort towards stakeholders

Employees, administration and framework

- Survey and ensure good working environment to fuel a high level of commitment and well-being for all