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Dr. Carter is a board certified forensic, anatomical and clinical pathologist in active practice in San Luis Obispo, California.

Dr. Carter was the first board certified Black forensic pathologist in the USA, the first graduate of Howard University to become board certified in Forensic Pathology and the first Black American to be appointed as a Chief Medical Examiner in the history of the USA.

Dr. Carter has been in the practice of medicine since 1983. Having chosen Forensic Pathology as her career focus as a teenager, she spent her extracurricular activity in the areas of scientific research and emergency care. Her internship was performed at Booth Memorial Hospital in Queens, NY in Intensive Care Internal Medicine. Her residency was conducted at Howard University Hospital and Andrews Air Force Base and the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology. Her fellowship training in Forensic Pathology was performed at the Dade County Medical Examiner Department under the late Dr. Joseph Davis.

Dr. Carter served as the one of former deputy Chief Medical Examiners of the Armed Forces as well as a Chief Physician of the United States Air Force, former Chief Medical Examiner of Washington , DC, former Chief Medical Examiner of Harris County, Texas, former Chief Forensic Pathologist of Marion County, Indiana and is the current first full time forensic pathologist to the Sheriff/ Coroner of San Luis Obispo, CA.

Dr. Carter has performed and or supervised more than 20,000 autopsies during her tenure as a forensic pathologist and has testified in more than 40 states across the US. Dr. Carter had the privilege of addressing the Supreme Court of South Africa on developing an independent death investigation system in 1996. Dr. Carter has testified before the US Senate Committee on Violence as a Public Health Crisis and the topic of Date Rape Drug Abuses in America.

Dr. Carter has been a professional speaker and writer for more than 30 years, columnist and has authored three books.