

The Ohio State University's Forensic Anthropology Laboratory is led by Dr. Nicholas V. Passalacqua. Dr. Passalacqua has PhD in anthropology and is certified in forensic anthropology by the American Board of Forensic Anthropology (Diplomate #115).

Description of Forensic Anthropological Services & Fees

All services/fees must be agreed upon prior to service. Deviations from this fee schedule are acceptable if agreed upon prior to service.

Forensic Anthropology Casework Fee Schedule

Consults	Cost
Human vs Nonhuman – memorandum	\$0.00 (Free of Charge)
In person Consult – no report	\$150.00
Consult with Report	\$250.00

Consults refer to preliminary forensic anthropological assessments, not requiring photographs or the application of any specific methods. These may be bone/not bone or human/non-human assessments. These consultations may be via text message, e-mail, or in-person/verbal. Quick preliminary assessments at autopsy of any obvious evidence of trauma is one example of an "Other" verbal consult. Human vs Nonhuman requests will result in very short memorandum-style reports for documentation and record keeping. If a detailed written report is desired, then the "Consult with Report" cost applies in place of the other costs.

Skeletal Analyses + Report	Partial to complete skeletons	Skull only	Isolated skeletal elements
Biological Profile only	\$400.00	\$300.00	\$200.00
Trauma Assessment only	\$500.00	\$400.00	\$300.00
Radiographic ID	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00

The above fees represent typical forensic anthropological analyses of skeletal material. Each service has its own fee, which is added together for the case total. For example, a case consisting of a partial skeleton requiring the estimation of the biological profile (\$350.00) and a trauma analysis (\$350.00) would total \$700.00. Services requested will be specified by the agent of the requesting agency and clarified prior to analysis and invoicing. Separate fees are presented for cases only including the skull or cases in which there are only a few isolated skeletal elements. All of these services included a formal report with images. Radiographs will have to be taken by the requesting agency and supplied for analysis. Any additional costs associated with travel or shipping of remains would also be added to the final invoice.

Processing	Partial to complete skeletons	Skull only	Isolated skeletal elements
Maceration	\$300.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
Highly Fragmented Reconstruction	\$400.00	\$300.00	\$50.00

The above are additional fees if Dr. Passalacqua has to process remains and dispose of biohazardous waste at the OSU Forensic Anthropology Lab, or if a case involves highly fragmented/burned remains that require extensive reconstruction. These activities add significant time to a case analysis. Services requested will be specified by the agent of the requesting agency and clarified prior to analysis and invoicing. If remains are skeletonized or macerated by another agency, the maceration fee is not applied.

Search and Recovery Assistance - Does not include travel costs	
Search Assistance - No Report	Mileage and per diem only
Search Assistance + Brief Report	\$200.00 + MPD
Scene Recovery Assistance + Full Report	\$400.00 + MPD

Dr. Passalacqua can be available as a sole consultant to assist at scenes, or he can lead a full search and recovery team, with student volunteers as needed. Regardless, the scene will remain in the requesting agency's jurisdiction, and they will be responsible for the primary scene documentation (e.g., photographs). Mileage and per diem (MPD) are charged at the current federal rate.

Expert Witness Testimony	
Testimony (Deposition/Trial)	\$300.00/hr
Pre-Trial Meetings	\$150.00/hr
Preparation/Review Time	\$100.00/hr (max of 6 hours)
Court Travel & Wait Time	\$50.00/hr + MPD as applicable

The above represents Dr. Passalacqua's Expert Witness Testimony Fees.

External Case Reviews	
Review of Case Materials	\$100.00/hr (max of 5 hours)
Report	\$300.00
Meetings	\$150.00/hr

External case reviews are billed hourly for the time spent reviewing provided case materials and for any arranged meetings. The written case review (report) is a flat rate. Note that the above Expert Witness Testimony fees may apply if the reviews result in a trial or formal testimony.