

approach is to assume that prior information provided may be wrong. Over their careers, they will learn that there will be many instances of incorrect information being relayed during an investigation for a variety of reasons.

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A policy that requires an assessment of the biological profile in “identified” cases increases the workload and the turnaround time on casework, despite its potential utility for mitigating bias and serving as a teaching tool. It would be much more time-efficient to forgo the assessment of the biological profile and concentrate solely on trauma assessment and interpretation in these particular circumstances. Even though budgetary, time, and/or dictated policy constraints are important considerations, pure convenience should not be a primary motivating factor for laboratories’ operating procedures.