



## Virginia Lynch MSN, RN, FAFS, FAAN

***Specialty*** - Forensic Nursing Pedagogy, Torture, Human Rights Violations, International Perspectives of Violence

Virginia A. Lynch, has been recognized as one of the American pioneers in nursing and founder of forensic nursing as a scientific discipline. Since 1996, Virginia has served as Coordinator and Co-coordinator of Forensic Nursing and Forensic Health Science, Beth El College of Nursing, University of Colorado , Colorado Springs, and also serves as visiting faculty in forensic science and nursing programs worldwide. She is a forensic clinical nurse specialist with extensive experience and education in the forensic arena. She initiated her forensic career as a medical death investigator for the Tarrant-Parker County Medical Examiner's District in Fort Worth , Texas and has been certified as a coroner in the State of Georgia . Virginia was credentialed as a forensic nurse examiner in sexual assault evaluation during her practice in Texas . She currently resides in Divide, Colorado where she also maintains an independent consulting practice nationally and internationally. Virginia received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Harris College of Nursing, Texas Christian University in Fort Worth , Texas in 1982 and was named Outstanding Alumni of the Year 2000. Her potential to contribute significantly to society through positive change was first recognized as she was named Notable Woman of Texas in 1984-1985. She has completed numerous programs in forensic science, including directed studies in anatomical and clinical pathology, postmortem procedures, intervention and treatment of the sexually abused adult and child, medicolegal death investigation, as well as the legal and psychosocial issues in family related violence, and health and human rights.

In 1986, Virginia was the first student enrolled in the forensic nursing graduate program at the University of Texas at Arlington , a program she was instrumental in designing. In 1990, she completed her Masters of Science in Nursing in the clinical specialization of forensic nursing. A prolific writer of articles and technical papers on forensic nursing as well as a frequent lecturer on the subject, she currently is involved in the establishment of forensic nursing courses at universities and colleges worldwide. She has been invited to present her model of forensic nursing to the physician to the President and the White House Medical Unit, the Royal College of Nursing in England and Wales, the department of forensic medicine at Scotland Yard, the International Council of Nurse s Congress in London and as a Visiting Scholar in Australia, Thailand, and India. She has also addressed the Indo Pacific Congress on Legal Medicine and Science in Kobe , Japan , the University of Costa Rica , and the Department of Legal Medicine in El Salvador and Honduras in Central America, Mihidol