

Maternal Mortality
NAME Interim Scientific Program 2026
Virtual
April 14, 2026
1:00 PM – 5:00 PM CT

1:00 - 1:20 PM	Introduction/Overview Tara J. Mahar, MD Erie County Medical Examiner Office Buffalo, New York, United States of America
1:20 – 1:40 PM	Jurisdictional Considerations Corinne L. Fligner, MD University of Washington Seattle, Washington, United States of America
1:40 – 2:00PM	Approach to Death Investigation Jan M. Gorniak, DO, MHSA, MSMed World Peace Forensic Consulting, LLC Tallahassee, Florida, United States of America
2:00 – 2:30 PM	Violent/Non-Natural Deaths Marianne Hamel, MD, PhD Jersey Shore Forensics Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, United States of America
2:30 – 2:45 PM	Break
2:45 – 4:05 PM	Natural Deaths Melissa A. Pasquale, MD State of Connecticut Office of the Chief Medical Examiner Farmington, Connecticut, United States of America Emily R. Duncanson, MD Jesse E. Edwards Registry of Cardiovascular Disease Saint Paul, Minnesota, United States of America Miranda Klassen, BS Amniotic Fluid Embolism Foundation Vista, California, United States of America
4:05 – 4:25 PM	Placental Pathology Alex K. Williamson, MD Nassau County Medical Examiner's Office New Hyde Park, New York, United States of America
4:25 – 4:45 PM	Recommended Practices Maura DeJoseph, DO State of Connecticut Office of the Chief Medical Examiner Farmington, Connecticut, United States of America
4:45 – 5:00 PM	Questions/Comments/Closing Remarks