

Maternal Mortality

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

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Introduction/Overview

Tara J. Mahar, MD
Erie County Medical Examiner Office
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1:20 – 1:40 PM

Jurisdictional Considerations

Corinne L. Fligner, MD
University of Washington
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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