

# ***Maternal Mortality***

NAME Interim Scientific Program 2026

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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**

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