Western North Carolina
Death Investigation Conference

April 10, 2021
8:30 am – 4 pm
Live Webinar!

Description
This activity is designed to improve the knowledge base, competency and practice skills of medical examiners. It is also meant to help expose participants to relevant forensic topics which may be of interest in their practice areas. Specific focuses of this activity will include deaths occurring due to suspected elder neglect/abuse, deaths occurring during excited states, gunshot wound characteristics and description, electronic death certification, forensic radiology and identification and expert witness testimony.

Objectives
• Appropriately investigate and document pertinent information pertaining to deaths due to possible elder abuse and neglect.
• Appropriately investigate and document pertinent information pertaining to deaths occurring during excited states.
• Describe and document pertinent findings related to gunshot wound patterns and range of fire.
• Improve competency and feel comfortable performing as an expert witness.
• Define the basic concepts of forensic radiology and its usefulness in identification.
• Identify the basis for electronic death certification and its ongoing implementation in the state.

Target Audience
This activity is designed for county medical examiners and their investigators, nurses, nurse practitioners, physicians, pathologist assistants, paramedics, law enforcement, attorneys, forensic scientists, students in criminal justice programs, emergency medical technicians, laboratory/medical technicians and all others interested in updating their knowledge of forensic pathology.

Northwest Area Health Education Center (AHEC), a program of Wake Forest School of Medicine and part of the NC AHEC System.
Cost and Registration
$110 — Physicians, Dentists and Attorneys
$80 — PAs, NPs and Nurses
$60 — First Responders, Law Enforcement, EMS
$25 — Medical Students, Residents and Fellows (with valid student ID)

Register and pay online at www.northwestahec.org or complete and return the attached registration form. Payment by credit card (Visa, MasterCard, American Express) accepted online. Personal check, corporate check, money order, or WFBMC internal transfer accepted by mail.

Payment Policy
Payment is required on or before entrance into any Northwest AHEC activity. If a corporate payment has not been received before the activity start date, you will be required to provide a personal credit card or check. To avoid personal payment, you should check with the financial staff at your organization to determine status of payment. If and when the corporate payment is received, Northwest AHEC will issue a full refund based on your original form of payment.

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Cancellations received in our office at least two weeks (14 business days) before the activity will receive a 100 percent refund. Registrants cancelling between two weeks and two full business days prior to the first day of the event will be refunded at 70% of the registration fee subject to a minimum $25 cancellation fee. The registration fee will not be refunded if a cancellation is received less than two days before the activity. Cancellations must be in writing (email). You may send a substitute in your place.

When planning for an educational activity, registration fees are not based on credit hours or agenda. Registration fees are based on expenses such as equipment, technology services, staff, etc., and are not adjusted by issues such as cancellation of speakers or other unforeseen circumstances. Every effort will be given to ensure the activity is a success.

Credit
- 0.6 CEUs from Wake Forest School of Medicine
- 6.0 Contact Hours from Northwest AHEC
- 6.0 Nursing Contact Hours

Northwest Area Health Education Center (NWAHEC) is approved as a provider of nursing continuing professional development by the North Carolina Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center’s Commission on Accreditation. Must attend 90% of activity.

- The Board of Continuing Legal Education, through its Accreditation Committee, has approved the Western North Carolina Death Investigation Conference. Any North Carolina attorney attending will receive 6.00 hour(s) of CLE credit.
- The Wake Forest School of Medicine designates this live activity for a maximum of 6.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity. The Wake Forest School of Medicine is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

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If you have questions about registering for this activity or need auxiliary aids or special services to attend, please contact Michelle Adams at least five working days before the activity at 336-713-7726 or email micadams@wakehealth.edu.

If you have not received confirmation of your registration 24-hours before the program date, please call Michelle Adams at 336-713-7726 or email micadams@wakehealth.edu to verify the status of your registration.
Agenda

8:30 am  Introduction and Opening Remarks
Mark Giffen, DO
Clinical Assistant Professor, Pathology
Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center

9:00 am  Expert Witness Testimony
Carol Anderson, JD
Director of Trial Practice and the Litigation Externship
Wake Forest University

10:00 am  Break (7 minutes)

10:07 am  Pitfalls, Pearls and Progress in the Transition to Electronic Death Reporting and Certification: Are you ready?
Michelle Aurelius, MD
Chief Medical Examiner, Office of the Chief Medical Examiner
Raleigh, NC

11:07 am  Break (8 minutes)

11:15 am  Death During Excited Delirium
Dr. Lucy Bradley, MD
House Officer V
Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center

12:15 pm  Lunch (30 minutes)

12:45 pm  Investigation of Death Due to Possible Elder Abuse or Neglect
William Harrison, MD
Clinical Assistant Professor
Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center

1:45 pm  Break (7 minutes)

1:52 pm  Identification and Forensic Aspects of Radiology
Heath Blankenship, MD
House Officer II
Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center

2:52 pm  Break (8 minutes)

3:00 pm  Gunshot Wound Characteristics
Mark Giffen, DO
Clinical Assistant Professor, Pathology
Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center

4:00 pm  Closing Remarks
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  Medical Center Boulevard, Winston-Salem, NC 27157-1060
  Attention: Michelle Adams
  or fax to: 336-713-7701

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Supervisor’s Name (Printed) Signature Phone

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