

# 2022 Western North Carolina Death Investigation Conference

April 30, 2022

8:00 am – Technology Check

8:30 am – 4:00 pm

Live Webinar

## Description

This activity is geared toward medical examiners, forensic practitioners, law enforcement, EMT, attorneys, as well as medical providers on all levels with the aim of improving knowledge around forensically relevant topics. This year's conference will feature presentations about pediatric death investigations and common causes of death, changes to the State and Local Medical Examiner systems including the new LIS systems, sudden cardiac deaths and toxicology trends within the State of North Carolina.

## Objectives

- Improve knowledge of common causes of death in pediatric populations and how to investigate them.
- Discuss appropriate techniques and information gathering in cases of pediatric deaths.
- Improve knowledge and investigation of deaths due to sudden cardiac causes.
- Cite current trends related to toxicology and overdose deaths in North Carolina.
- Discuss upcoming changes within the medical examiner system and how it will effect practices.



## 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.

As part of our commitment to diversity and inclusion, the Northwest AHEC provides compassionate education and respectful care for all, regardless of socioeconomic status, race, ethnicity, language, nationality, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion, geography, disability and age.

## 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)

Registration fee includes instructional and administrative costs, certificate of completion.

Register and pay online at [northwestahec.org](http://northwestahec.org) or complete and return the attached registration form. Payment by credit card (Visa, MasterCard and 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.

### Refund Policy

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 written in an 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 meeting room rentals, food, equipment, 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.

Northwest Area Health Education Center (AHEC), a program of Wake Forest School of Medicine and part of the NC AHEC System.

## Credit

- The Wake Forest School of Medicine designates this live activity for a maximum of 6 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)<sup>™</sup>. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

ACCREDITATION: The Wake Forest School of Medicine is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

- 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.

*Criteria for successful completion requires attendance for at least 90% of the activity and submission of the evaluation.*

- 6 Contact Hour  
This activity is acceptable for 6 contact hours from Northwest AHEC.
- 0.6 CEUs from Northwestern AHEC
- Application has been made to the NC Board of Continuing Legal Education.

Credit will be awarded based on participant selection at time of registration. Before selecting credits, please review our general [Credit Glossary](#), but note that not all programs offer all credits.

## For More Information or Assistance

If you have questions about registering for this activity, need auxiliary aids or special services to attend this program, please call Samantha Garvens at least five working days prior to the program at 336-713-7754 or email at [sagarvens@wakehealth.edu](mailto:sagarvens@wakehealth.edu).

Note— If you have not received confirmation of your registration 24 hours before the program date, please call Samantha Garvens at 336-713-7754 or email [sagarvens@wakehealth.edu](mailto:sagarvens@wakehealth.edu) to verify the status of your registration.

Registering for and attending this program authorizes Northwest AHEC/Wake Forest School of Medicine to take pictures to be used for the Center's publications, website (including social media sites) and presentations.

## Agenda

- 8:30 am Introduction and Opening Remarks**  
Mark Giffen, DO  
Assistant Professor of Pathology  
Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist
- 9:00 am Working with Primary Care Providers to Facilitate Death Certification**  
Jeffrey Leach, MD  
Western Regional Medical Examiner Trainer/Coordinator  
NC Office of the Chief Medical Examiner
- 10:00 am State of the State**  
Michelle Aurelius, MD  
Chief Medical Examiner  
NC Office of the Chief Medical Examiner
- 11:00 am Break**
- 11:15 am Toxicology Trends in North Carolina**  
Jason Hudson, Ph.D  
NC Chief Toxicologist  
NC Office of the Chief Medical Examiner
- 12:15 pm Lunch**
- 12:45 pm Sudden Cardiac Death**  
Mehrnoosh Ghandili, MD  
Pathology Resident
- 1:45 pm Pediatric Death Investigation: The Basics**  
Mark Giffen, DO  
Assistant Professor of Pathology  
Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist
- 2:45 pm Break**
- 3:00 pm Deaths in Pediatric Population**  
Mark Giffen, DO  
Assistant Professor of Pathology  
Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist
- 4:00 pm Closing Remarks**  
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Primary Phone # (last 4 digits only):      
\* required

First Name	MI	Last	Degrees (e.g., MD)		
Profession		Job Title			
Home Address		City	State	Zip	County
Home Phone		Cell Phone			
Employer					
Employer Address		City	State	Zip	County
Employer Phone		Employer Fax			

Email Required:

Preferred Email     Home Email     Work Email

By providing your fax number, email address and telephone number, you have granted permission for us to contact you via the numbers and address indicated.

Please register ONLINE at [www.nwahec.org/67609](http://www.nwahec.org/67609) (Recommended)

OR select one of the following options:

Make check payable to "Wake Forest University Health Sciences" and mail with registration form to:  
Wake Forest School of Medicine / NW AHEC  
Medical Center Boulevard, Winston-Salem, NC 27157-1060  
Attention: Samantha Garvens

Atrium Health Internal Transfer:

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Employer will make payment. Supervisor completes below and faxes registration to 336-713-7701.

Supervisor's Name (Printed)	Signature	Phone
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By signing, I am certifying that agency payment will follow. If you have a balance due and do not attend or send a substitute, you will be invoiced for the full program fee.