

Iowa Association of County Medical Examiners

IACME Fall Meeting and Education Expo • Friday and Saturday, November 5-6, 2021

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This document contains speakers' educational objectives and space for your speaker evaluations and suggestions for future meetings. Your input is very important to the IACME Fall Meeting Planning Committee and attendee evaluations provide the basis for planning future meetings.

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Presentation 1—ME-101: The Basics of Death Investigation

Kelly Kruse, MD, MPH, Mark Bethel, MEI, Jessica Jessen, FD, F-ABMDI and Natalie Oakes

Number of CME Hours: 3.0

Speaker Objectives

Following participation in this CME activity, participants should be able to:

- Understand basic death scene practices
- Identify deaths that come under medical examiner jurisdiction
- Recognize the importance and processes of decedent identification
- Complete the Electronic Medical Examiner Reporting (EMER-ME1) process
- Summarize regulatory responsibility related to organ donation
- Identify how and when to make referral to Iowa Donor Network
- Understand donor eligibility criteria
- Differentiate between brain death and circulatory death and what organs and tissues can be donated as a result
- Summarize the importance of discretion and sensitivity with families who experienced the death of a loved one

Your Evaluation

Did the speaker meet the stated objectives? Yes _____ No _____

Did you gain knowledge from this speaker that you plan to implement? Yes _____ No _____

Presentation 2 — Fundamentals of Investigative Genetic Genealogy: Understanding the Process, Acquiring the Skills

Joan Hanlon

Number of CME Hours: 2.0

Speaker Objectives

Following participation in this CME activity, participants should be able to:

- Identify candidates for investigative genetic genealogy
- Determine the best methods of creating a data file from DNA (Genotyping or Whole Genome Sequencing)
- Know the requirements for soliciting assistance with an investigative genealogy project
- Understand how a person can be identified using basic principles of inheritance and ethnicity and autosomal DNA

Your Evaluation

Did the speaker meet the stated objectives? Yes _____ No _____

Did you gain knowledge from this speaker that you plan to implement? Yes _____ No _____

Presentation 3 —Current Drug Threats and Overdose Response Strategies

Kevin Winker

Number of CME Hours: 1.00

Speaker Objectives

Following participation in this CME activity, participants should be able to:

- Be aware of current illicit drug threats in Iowa
- Be aware of drugs impacting overdoses in Iowa
- Understand current strategies to combat drug overdoses in Iowa

Your Evaluation

Did the speaker meet the stated objectives? Yes _____ No _____

Did you gain knowledge from this speaker that you plan to implement? Yes _____ No _____

Presentation 4 —Suicide: Theory, Practice and Investigations

Stephen Holmes, PhD

Number of CME Hours: 1.0

Speaker Objectives

Following participation in this CME activity, participants should be able to:

- Understand the history and etiology of suicide
- Understand the psychology of the suicidal offender
- Understand practical investigative techniques
- Conceptualize the social stigma attached to this type of offender

Your Evaluation

Did the speaker meet the stated objectives? Yes _____ No _____

Did you gain knowledge from this speaker that you plan to implement? Yes _____ No _____

Presentation 5—Sleep-related Deaths in Infants and Children: Enhancing Death Scene Investigation

Abby Collier, MS

Number of CME hours: 1.25

Speaker Objectives

Following participation in this CME activity, participants should be able to:

- Identify key components of Death Scene Investigation
- Problem-solve barriers to effective Death Scene Investigation
- Identify key resources which can aid effective Death Scene Investigation

Your Evaluation

Did the speaker meet the stated objectives? Yes _____ No _____

Did you gain knowledge from this speaker that you plan to implement? Yes _____ No _____

Presentation 6—State Epidemiology: Lessons Learned and Future Applications

Caitlin Pedati, MD

Number of CME Hours: .75

Speaker Objectives

Following participation in this CME activity, participants should be able to:

- Understand the role of death certification in epidemiology
- Understand the lessons learned from COVID death certification
- Have insights on applicable strategies for use in future infectious disease epidemics

Your Evaluation

Did the speaker meet the stated objectives? Yes _____ No _____

Did you gain knowledge from this speaker that you plan to implement? Yes _____ No _____

Presentation 7—Iowa Violent Death Reporting System/Iowa Homicide Data

Wendy Ringgenberg, PhD, MPH and Jonathan Davis, PhD

Number of CME Hours: 1.00

Speaker Objectives

Following participation in this CME activity, participants should be able to:

- Review the purpose and implementation of the Iowa Violent Death Reporting System
- Identify the top causes of violent death in Iowa
- Examine Iowa homicide data and common contributing factors
- Apply information to improve reporting and response efforts in participants' respective agencies

Your Evaluation

Did the speaker meet the stated objectives? Yes _____ No _____

Did you gain knowledge from this speaker that you plan to implement? Yes _____ No _____

Presentation 8—23 & MEs: How an Iowa Family’s DNA Solved a Colorado Murder

Joan Hanlon

Number of CME Hours: 1.25

Speaker Objectives

Following participation in this CME activity, participants should be able to:

- Understand the differences between CODIS and Investigative Genetic Genealogy
- Understand the process used to identify a murderer
- Be familiar with ethical issues involved in Investigative Genetic Genealogy

Your Evaluation

Did the speaker meet the stated objectives? Yes _____ No _____

Did you gain knowledge from this speaker that you plan to implement? Yes _____ No _____

Presentation 9—Introduction to Investigating Environmental-related Deaths

Jonathan Thompson, MD

Number of CME Hours: 1.0

Speaker Objectives

Following participation in this CME activity, participants should be able to:

- Understand the importance of the investigation in environmental-related deaths
- Know how to investigate environmental deaths
- Know common autopsy findings seen in environmental deaths

Your Evaluation

Did the speaker meet the stated objectives? Yes _____ No _____

Did you gain knowledge from this speaker that you plan to implement? Yes _____ No _____

Presentation 10—Suicide and Homicide Investigations

Alisha Weber, MEI

Number of CME Hours: 1.0

Speaker Objectives

Following participation in this CME activity, participants should be able to:

- Understand the fundamentals of suicide investigation
- Understand the fundamentals of homicide investigation

Your Evaluation

Did the speaker meet the stated objectives? Yes _____ No _____

Did you gain knowledge from this speaker that you plan to implement? Yes _____ No _____

Presentation 11—Things Aren't Always as they Appear: How a Suicide Becomes a Homicide
Jacob Smith, MD

Number of CME Hours: 1.0

Speaker Objectives

Following participation in this CME activity, participants should be able to:

- State characteristics of different gunshot wound ranges of fire
- Identify scenarios and findings that should raise a concern for homicide when suicide is initially suspected

Your Evaluation

Did the speaker meet the stated objectives? Yes _____ No _____

Did you gain knowledge from this speaker that you plan to implement? Yes _____ No _____

Presentation 12—Iowa's State Medical Examiner System: Annual Update and Future Outlook
Dennis Klein, MD

Number of CME Hours: 1.0

Speaker Objectives

Following participation in this CME activity, participants should be able to:

- Understand the importance of completing death investigation forms timely and completely
- Appreciate the need for thorough investigation and autopsy in suspected drug deaths
- Appreciate the importance of accurate death certification

Your Evaluation

Did the speaker meet the stated objectives? Yes _____ No _____

Did you gain knowledge from this speaker that you plan to implement? Yes _____ No _____

General Evaluation Questions

1. Did you perceive bias or promotion of commercial products in the presentation(s)? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please cite example(s):

Overall, this program met my expectations Agree _____ Disagree _____

2. Please list topics and/or speakers you would like to see at a future IACME Fall Meeting
