



FORENSIC SCIENCE SEMINAR

*“Advancing Forensic
Pathology: The Power of
Consultation and Collaboration”*

OCTOBER 28-29, 2026
Zoofari Conference Center

HOSTED BY:

Milwaukee County Medical Examiner's Office
in partnership with **Medical College of
Wisconsin Continuing Education**



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28

FEATURED PRESENTATIONS

TOPIC	PRESENTER
Electronic Storage Detection Canines	SA Tamara Lepianka, DOJ-DCI
Cardiac Genetic Testing	Dr. Brian Linert, MCMEO
Michigan Child Abuse Case	Dr. Wieslawa Tlomak, MCMEO
Sade Robinson Case	Dr. Lauren Decker, MCMEO Ian Vance-Curzan, MKE County DA Det. Jo Donner, MCSO Dr. Jordan Karsten, Forensic Anthropologist Chris Johnson, WI State Crime Lab
Santosh Yoga Stress Management & Anxiety	Guruji Bryant, MBA, ERYT, CYT
VR-PHAST and OD-PHAST	Dr. Constance Kostelac, MCW
Tox or Not	Dr. Jessica Lelinski, MCMEO
Cocktails & Elephants	Adventure Africa Loft

Welcome and Opening Remarks led by MC: Megan Lee - Former Milwaukee TMJ4 Reporter and
Current WXYZ Detroit Reporter

COURSE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Wieslawa Tlomak, M.D. - Course Director
Haley Hassett
Dan Isaacson
P. Douglas Kelley, M.D.
Brian Linert, M.D.
Timothy Schabo - Course Coordinator
Michael Simley, D-ABMDI

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29

FEATURED PRESENTATIONS

TOPIC	PRESENTER
Mother's Day Fire	Lt. Jeffrey Freitag, MFD Dr. Wieslawa Tlomak, MCMEO & Dr. Brian Linert, MCMEO SA Ricky Hankins, ATF
Peace River Search Team (Splash Team)	Michael Hadsell, Founder & President
Washington D.C. Helicopter Crash	Dr. Kristinza W. Giese, OCME D.C.
Overdose Death Initiative	SA Mark Wagner, DOJ-DCI SA Luke Hepp, DOJ-DCI
Cold Case Identification Unit	Michael Simley, D-ABMDI, MCMEO Dr. Jordan Karsten, Forensic Anthropologist PO Jamie Sromalla, MPD Melissa Marchant, DOJ-DCI
New Forensic Science Center Tour	On-Site Experience

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- **Identify & Apply:** Implement current best practices in medicolegal death investigation.
- **Enhance Competence:** Improve accuracy in death certification through evidence-based standards.
- **Utilize Resources:** Leverage county, state, and federal assets effectively.

WELCOME

Welcome to the 31st Annual Forensic Science Seminar hosted by the Milwaukee County Medical Examiner's Office.

On behalf of our entire office, I would like to thank you for joining us for two days of education, collaboration, and professional engagement. This seminar brings together forensic pathologists, medicolegal death investigators, law enforcement professionals, forensic scientists, public health professionals, attorneys, students, and allied partners from across Wisconsin and beyond.

This year's theme, *“Advancing Forensic Pathology: The Power of Consultation and Collaboration,”* reflects the increasingly multidisciplinary nature of modern medicolegal death investigation. No single discipline works in isolation. The strongest investigations and the greatest advancements in forensic science occur when experts across specialties come together to share knowledge, challenge assumptions, and work collaboratively toward the truth.

Throughout this seminar, attendees will explore complex case studies, emerging forensic trends, advances in toxicology and anthropology, public health collaborations, disaster response, investigative technologies, and the importance of wellness and resilience within our profession.

We are proud to host this year's seminar at the Zoofari Conference Center and hope this event not only provides valuable educational opportunities but also strengthens professional relationships and inspires continued collaboration across our fields.

Thank you again for being part of this year's seminar and for the important work you do each day in service to your communities.

Dr. Wieslawa Tlomak

W. Tlomak, M.D.

Chief Medical Examiner
Milwaukee County ME Office

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

This year's program features an outstanding lineup focused on cross-disciplinary coordination. Over two days, top experts will reveal strategic methodologies behind high-profile casework.

SPECIAL FEATURE: THE SPLASH TEAM

Michael Handsell introduces the Peace River Search Team and **Splash**, the nationally recognized human remains detection otter solving underwater mysteries.



WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- Medical Examiners & Coroners
- Forensic Pathologists & Pathology Residents
- Crime Scene & Lab Investigators
- Toxicologists
- Funeral Directors
- Law Enforcement
- Criminal & Civil Litigation Attorneys

REGISTRATION FEES

Full Seminar Early Bird:

\$350

Received by October 26, 2026

One-Day Pre-Registration: \$175

On-Site Late Registration: \$200 / day

CANCELLATION POLICY

A 75% refund will be issued for cancellations received by October 26, 2026. No refunds will be granted after this date. Substitutions are highly encouraged in lieu of cancellation.

CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDIT

ACCME Accreditation Statement:

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the accreditation requirements and policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint providership of The Medical College of Wisconsin and The Milwaukee County Medical Examiner's Office. The Medical College of Wisconsin is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

AMA Credit Designation Statement:

The Medical College of Wisconsin designates this live activity for a maximum of 13.50 AMMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Hours of Participation for Allied Health Care Professionals

The Medical College of Wisconsin designates this activity for up to 13.50 hours of participation for continuing education for allied health professionals

ABMDI Credit Hours Approved

13.5 hours - Each attendee must receive a certificate of attendance indicating the name of the training, date, education hours granted, and ABMDI Accreditation Number.

Law Enforcement Training Credit

Wisconsin law enforcement officers will receive a certificate of attendance documenting the seminar title, instructional topics, and total training hours, which may be submitted to their agency for consideration toward annual recertification training requirements.

Continuing Legal Education

The Supreme Court of Wisconsin Board of Bar Examiners has approved this program for 16 hours of continuing legal education, which includes 0 EPR or GAL hours

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ACCOMMODATIONS

SpringHill Suites by Marriott offers a preferred group rate of **\$140 per night** for seminar attendees.

Reservation Deadline: September 27, 2026

SpringHill Suites Milwaukee West

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Wauwatosa, WI 53226
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Book via our registration site link or directly with the hotel.

