

The Investigation and Prosecution of Near Fatal and Fatal Strangulation Cases: Two-Day Strangulation Training, Basic and Advanced



This program is for the multi-disciplinary teams involved in non-fatal strangulation cases, which includes: healthcare professionals, EMS, law enforcement, attorneys, medical social workers, child protective services, and victim advocates.

Date: November 18 and/or 19, 2024 (check-in time 7:30 a.m.)

Location: Newman Auditorium, Suite 142
Robinwood Professional Center
11110 Medical Campus Rd
Hagerstown, MD 21742

Accreditation:

Nursing: The Nursing Education Department of Meritus Health is accredited as a provider of nursing continuing professional development by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

6.5 ANCC Contact Hours Awarded for Attending Day 1

6.75 ANCC Contact Hours Awarded for Attending Day 2

4 Trauma hours Awarded for Attending Day 1

2.5 Trauma hours Awarded for Attending Day 2

Social Work: Meritus Medical Center is authorized by the Board of Social Work Examiners in Maryland to sponsor social work continuing education programs and maintains full responsibility for this program. This training qualifies for Category I continuing education units.

Social Worker 1 Category 6.25 CEUs for Day 1

Social Worker 1 Category 6.75 CEUs for Day 2

To complete the program, participants must attend 100% of each day you are participating in and complete the program evaluation for each day that you attend.

All faculty and planning members participating in this program have reported no relevant financial relationships with ineligible companies or the products or services pertinent to this educational activity's content.

**Bill Smock, M.D., Police Surgeon**

Dr. Smock is the Police Surgeon and directs the Clinical Forensic Medicine Program for the Louisville Metro Police Department. He graduated from Centre College in Danville, Kentucky in 1981 and obtained a Master's degree in Anatomy from the University of Louisville in 1987. Dr. Smock graduated from the University of Louisville, School of Medicine in 1990 and completed a residency in emergency medicine at the University of Louisville in 1993.

In 1994, he became the first physician in the United States to complete a post-graduate fellowship in Clinical Forensic Medicine. Dr. Smock was an Assistant Medical Examiner with the Kentucky Medical Examiner's Office from 1991 to 1997. Dr. Smock joined the faculty at the University of Louisville's Department of Emergency Medicine in 1994 and was promoted to the rank of full professor in 2005. Dr. Smock is currently a Clinical Professor of Emergency Medicine at the University of Louisville, School of Medicine and regularly takes medical students on mission trips to Africa.

Dr. Smock has edited three textbooks on clinical forensic medicine and published more than 30 chapters and articles on forensic and emergency medicine. He is an internationally recognized forensic expert and trains nurses, physicians, law enforcement officers, and attorneys in multiple fields including officer-involved shootings, strangulation, gunshot wounds, injury mechanisms, and motor vehicle trauma. Dr. Smock is also the Police Surgeon for the Jeffersontown, Kentucky, and St. Matthews, Kentucky Police Departments. He also serves as a sworn tactical physician and detective for the Floyd County Indiana Sheriff's Department.

November 18, 2024 - Agenda Day 1: Basic Training	
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8:00 – 8:15 a.m.	Welcome, Course Overview & Introductions
8:15 – 9:20 a.m.	Understanding the Lethality and Legal Framework of Strangulation: Definitions, Dangers, and Legislation
9:20 – 9:30 a.m.	Break
9:30 – 10:40 a.m.	Medical Considerations and Protocols for Evaluating Strangulation Injuries
10:40 – 10:50 a.m.	Break
10:50 – 12:15 p.m.	Comprehensive Medical Insights on Strangulation: Anatomy, Physiology, Symptoms, and Long-term Effects
12:15 – 1:15 p.m.	Lunch
1:15 – 2:15 p.m.	Critical Knowledge on Strangulation: Asphyxia, Imaging, Seizures, Brain Death, and Context in Intimate Partner Violence/Sexual Assault
2:20 – 2:30 p.m.	Break

November 19, 2024 – Agenda Day 2: Advanced Training	
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8:00 – 8:15 a.m.	Welcome & Reflections
8:15 – 10:00 a.m.	Conducting and Strengthening Follow-Up Investigations: Strategies, Anticipating the Defenses, and Case Studies
10:00 – 10:15 a.m.	Group Exercise: Watch Video & List Evidence
10:15 – 10:30 a.m.	Break
10:30 – 12:05 p.m.	Proving Strangulation Cases: Strategies, Expert Testimony, and Handling Defense Theories
12:05 – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 – 2:50 p.m.	Proving Strangulation Cases
2:50 – 3:00 p.m.	Break
3:00 – 4:50 p.m.	Getting Away with Murder: Identifying Staged Wounds and Scenes in Hidden Homicides
4:50 – 5:00 p.m.	Questions, Closing Remarks & Wrap Up

Conference Registration

Meritus Employees: Free (register via HealthStream)

Students, and Meritus affiliated Nursing

Faculty: Free (register by email to Ruth.Leizear@meritushealth.com)

Washington County Employees: Free (register at the Eventbrite link below)

Non-Washington County Employee participants: \$35 per day or \$50 for both days. Register and pay by credit card at Eventbrite:

Below is the link to Day One or Both



<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/meritus-health-two-day-strangulation-training-basic-and-advanced-tickets-923979346097>

Below is the link to Day Two



<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/923986808417?aff=oddtcreator>

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Please email Ruth Leizear, Ruth.Leizear@MeritusHealth.com, for registration assistance if unable to register via links provided above.