

Gift of Life Michigan

Educational Forum for Funeral Professionals & Medical Examiner Investigators

Be a champion for donor families and recipients in your community!

8:30 a.m.	Registration and coffee
9 a.m.	Welcome • Dorrie Dils, President and CEO, Gift of Life Michigan
9:10 a.m.	Maximizing donor gifts to improve quality of life for cartilage restoration patients David Wilke, Director Clinical Affairs, JRF Ortho Dr. John Grant, MD, PhD, FRCSC University of Michigan, Clinical Associate Professor, Orthopaedic Surgery / Director, Sports Medicine Fellowship Program
10 a.m.	A donor family story • Kris Rohrbeck – Bethany’s mom
10:15 a.m.	Medical Examiner perspective • Jo Catania, MPA, D-ABMDI, Catania Training & Development, LLC. / Former Chief Medical Examiner Investigator WMed
10:40 a.m.	Break
10:50 a.m.	Funeral home perspective • Sharon Gee Mascarello, BS, CFSP, MBIE, Editor of Embalming: History, Theory, and Practice, 6th edition / Adjunct faculty, Wayne State University Mortuary Science Program
11:25 a.m.	Research saves lives; brain donation and Gift of Life Michigan research initiatives • Nick Olden, Research Coordinator, Gift of Life Michigan
11:40 a.m.	Communication, collaboration and coordination • Alex Pajkowski, Medical Examiner & Funeral Home Liaison, Gift of Life Michigan; Stephanie Sommer, Senior Medical Examiner & Funeral Home Liaison, Gift of Life Michigan; Ashley Vanderdonck, Manager, Clinical Partner Relations, Eversight
12:15 p.m.	Lunch



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AFTERNOON BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Track 1 – Funeral Professionals		Track 2 – Medical Examiners & MEIs	
12:45 p.m.	Recovering the gift Curpri Sanders, Donor Operations Manager, Gift of Life Michigan	12:45 p.m.	Collaboration saves lives Alex Pajkowski, Medical Examiner & Funeral Home Liaison, Gift of Life Michigan
1:05 p.m.	Reconstruction after recovery Sharon Gee-Mascarello, Editor of Embalming: History, Theory, and Practice, 6th edition	1:05 p.m.	Death investigation skills and donation • Jo Catania, Catania Training & Development
2:15 p.m.	Donation Champion Funeral Home Program • Stephanie Sommer, Senior Medical Examiner & Funeral Home Liaison, Gift of Life Michigan	2:15 p.m.	Case Studies Alex Pajkowski & Jo Catania

RETURN TO GENERAL SESSION

2:30 p.m.	A recipient story • Curpri Sanders, Donor Operations Manager, Gift of Life Michigan
2:45 p.m.	Q&A



This course is approved by the Academy of Professional Funeral Service Practice, Inc., for 5 Contact Hours (APFSP Category A, 0.5 CEUs). Course Number 23-10221 is presented by Gift of Life Michigan, Provider Number 1137.



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