

WORKSHOPS

Pre-Registration Required by Jan. 30

W26 Taming the Wild West of Workflows for Opioids, Emerging and Controversial Drug Threats

Tuesday, February 14, 2023

1:30 PM – 5:00 PM

CE Hours: 3.25

Learning Overview: After attending this workshop, attendees will have: a greater awareness of forensic workflows and how they may impact test results; a greater understanding of the challenges in adjusting standardized workflows to address opioids and emerging drugs; and a better appreciation for the importance of accurate substance data and how stakeholders rely on that accuracy.

Impact Statement: This workshop will impact the forensic science community by providing information about technological developments and improved workflows for various types of drug testing (toxicology and seized drugs) by discussing the components of a standardized forensic workflow, by showing the effects of deviations or preemptive testing on comprehensiveness, sensitivity and specificity of the test, and by discussing the compliance of test results with emerging standards in forensic science and the acceptance of those results in court and by other pertinent stakeholders.

Program Description: After attending this presentation, attendees will be able to discuss standardized workflows that are being adopted to better meet regulatory requirements, safety, efficiency, and timeliness in the fields of forensic drug testing, whether in a traditional lab setting, in the autopsy suite, or in the field.

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Target Audience: Criminalistics, General, Jurisprudence, Pathology/Biology, Toxicology

Knowledge Level Required: Basic