

# Embalming ~ The Challenges & The Rewards

## Seminar Speakers & Topics



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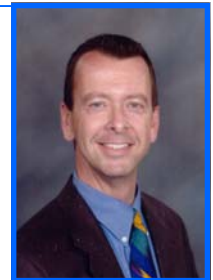
**KIM COLLISON, M.T., ASCP** is Manager of Microbiology, Immunology, and the Advanced Technology Laboratories for the Division of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at Spectrum Health in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Spectrum Health Corporation consists of 7 hospitals in Western Michigan including a large trauma center and a children's hospital. Kim holds a master's degree in Health Care Administration and was recently part of a team that established the Center for Molecular Medicine at Spectrum Health.

**Infectious Disease Update:** Do embalmers need superpowers to protect against the Superbugs of today? Drug resistance is prevalent among the common bacteria in health care today. Our current antibiotics are failing and the medical community is struggling to develop effective treatments while the disease causing organisms continue to adapt and thrive in their changing environment. You must protect yourself from the infectious organisms you encounter while doing your job but will standard precautions and personal protective equipment be enough to keep you safe? Kim will focus on hand washing, disinfection and the proper use of masks, gowns and gloves.

**PPE & Superbugs:** The war in the Middle East, the ease of worldwide travel and a global food supply result in an increased risk of infectious disease. Diseases thought to be isolated in third world countries are finding their way into our communities and into your prep rooms. This presentation will review the common diseases as well as the emerging and re-emerging diseases that put the embalmer at risk.

**TIM COLLISON, CFSP** is a licensed funeral director and embalmer in the State of Michigan. In addition to holding the position of Sales Manager for Dodge, he participates in the company's Research and Product Development Program, is a regular presenter at the Dodge Seminars, and has authored series of articles on embalming cosmetology which are featured in *The Dodge Magazine* on an ongoing basis.

**Current Embalming Issues Roundtable:** Everyone in attendance will have the opportunity to get together with their fellow embalmers on Day 1 to discuss issues of concern. There will be a list of topics assigned to each group and a report given to the whole group on Day 2. If you've encountered any particular problems or come up with a great new technique, we hope you'll share!



**GEORGE McCANN, MD, CTBS**, is an Education Director with the Musculoskeletal Transplant Foundation (MTF). One of his many roles is overseeing Funeral Director Education and Funeral Industry Relations. He is uniquely qualified for this role being a licensed funeral director and embalmer, in addition to an MD. Prior to MTF, George managed a large tissue recovery region with the American Red Cross Tissue Services for 5 years.

**The How & Why of Organ Donation and Procurement:** George will show us how organs and tissues are procured and give examples of some of the newer techniques being used ~ such as deep tissue skin recovery. He will follow that up with an in-depth explanation of how tissues are prepared and what they are used for.



**FRAN MURPHY and DENNIS DAULTON** are licensed funeral directors and embalmers in the State of Massachusetts. They divide their time between calling on funeral homes in Massachusetts and taking technical calls in the home office (Cambridge, MA) where many of you have probably spoken with one or both of them.



**Current Embalming Issues Related to Procurement (with George McCann):**

These three licensed embalmers will discuss embalming problems that are a result of organ donation and tissue procurement. Solutions and techniques to use will be covered.

**Embalming After Procurement:** Dennis & Fran will walk you through the embalming process (using video) of an organ, tissue, and skin donor. They'll talk about what works, what doesn't, and what shortcuts to avoid. One way to help insure success is to start with an open dialogue with your local procurement organization making sure that they educate family members about such things as possible service delays and different clothing choices. Keep in mind that many procurement teams have never seen a body embalmed and don't know how they may be able to make your job easier, or at least not so difficult.



**BILL SAMPSON**, has been a licensed funeral director and embalmer since 1994. He has worked in funeral service since the age of 15, has served 10 years with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police as an Auxiliary Constable, and spent several years as a volunteer firefighter in North Sydney, NS. He is currently a sales representative for The Dodge Company, Ltd., in Canada, and covers the Eastern Provinces and Maritimes. Bill has presented continuing education programs throughout Canada.

**Embalming Tricks & Treats:** I wonder how he did that so easily? Have you ever watched someone do something in a matter of seconds that you've been struggling to do for what seems like hours? In this presentation, Bill will cover some of the time saving techniques that he has found, or been told about over the years as an embalmer and more recently as a Dodge rep.

**DARLA A. TRIPOLI, CFSP**, is a Licensed Funeral Director/Embalmer, a Licensed Cosmetologist and a Licensed Insurance Agent. A graduate of the Pittsburgh Institute of Mortuary Science, and currently working in the funeral industry, she has authored numerous articles appearing both nationally and internationally on mortuary cosmetology issues. She also teaches professional seminars, both nationally and internationally, providing the latest information on mortuary cosmetology techniques for funeral directors and embalmers. She is the owner of Funeral Service Consultants. For more information log on to [www.funeralserviceconsultant.com](http://www.funeralserviceconsultant.com) or email Darla at [funeralsvconsult@verizon.net](mailto:funeralsvconsult@verizon.net).



**Contemporary Mortuary Cosmetics:** A positive lasting memory image is a gift we give families. This program looks at mortuary cosmetology issues related to the overall visual presentation of the deceased. During this in-depth discussion, we will explore the foundations of mortuary cosmetology, communication with the family, and the latest techniques regarding nail and hair care. Common cosmetology mistakes will be identified and solutions will be offered to avoid repeating them.

**Hands-on Airbrushing Workshop:** This 2 hour crash course is your chance to learn everything you've ever wanted to know about airbrushing. Darla will cover subjects ranging from the benefits of airbrushing to common misperceptions to keeping the equipment clean and trouble-free. After discussing airbrush theory and color selection, she'll go into more depth about highlighting, shading, contouring, and using lip and eyebrow stencils. After all the basics are covered, everyone will split into groups of two for an hour of supervised hands-on airbrush practice.



**TODD VAN BECK, CFSP**, has made the move back into the funeral home, having spent most of the past decade in funeral service education. Todd is a licensed funeral director and embalmer, a Certified Funeral Service Professional, a Disaster Coordinator, and an outstanding motivational speaker.

**The Value of Embalming:** The most therapeutic part of the funeral for most humans is establishing the reality of death. Throughout history, people have wanted to give their loved ones a "proper" send off that included bathing, preservation (in many cases), and final preparations that would allow family and friends to see the dead before final disposition. Todd will walk us through the history of embalming, psychological reasons for viewing the deceased, and ideas of how to handle those individuals opposed to viewing.