

*Monday, February 11, 3:30-5:00PM
Concurrent Breakout Session B*

Current Approaches to Stillbirth Surveillance

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This session will explore the contribution of birth defects surveillance to stillbirth surveillance. Among challenges explored are identification, misclassification and under-reporting of stillbirths, prenatal diagnosis, autopsy, and placental evaluation, and documentation of identified birth defects and chromosomal abnormalities. The session will include a discussion of the public health importance of stillbirth surveillance, and current approaches to address research gaps related to stillbirths, with some suggestions for improving current vital statistics-based approaches.