2.3 Non-Violent Deaths in Custody in the District of Columbia
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Learning Objectives:
By the end of the presentation, participations will be able to
1. State the types of deaths in custody which are investigated by the District of Columbia Office of the Chief Medical Examiner.
2. Describe the postmortem investigative procedures which are utilized for deaths in custody.
3. Ascribe the appropriate manner of deaths for non-violent deaths in custody.

The District of Columbia Office of the Chief Medical Examiner investigates a fair share of deaths in custody resulting from a variety of causes, both violent and non-violent. These deaths span the spectrum from manners that are natural to undetermined. During the course of this presentation, a variety of non-violent deaths will be reviewed with the goal of reiterating the appropriate investigative processes and best practices for investigating all deaths in custody. These cases will also demonstrate the fact that some non-violent deaths may require a more involved investigation than anticipated to establish the cause and manner of death.