

3.2 Verification of Death form SMR010530



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BINDING MARGIN - NO WRITING

	FAMILY NAME	MRN
	GIVEN NAME	<input type="checkbox"/> MALE <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE
Facility:	D.O.B. ____/____/____	M.O.
	ADDRESS	
VERIFICATION OF DEATH		
LOCATION / WARD		
COMPLETE ALL DETAILS OR AFFIX PATIENT LABEL HERE		

Verification of Death is required to enable a person's body to be transported by a funeral director or government contractor, in circumstances where there may be a delay in completing the Medical Certificate of Cause of Death (MCCD).

Completion of this *Verification of Death* form is not required when a person's death is reportable to the Coroner (see PD2010_054) or where a MCCD has been completed.

In the absence of a medical practitioner, a registered nurse / registered midwife or qualified paramedic may complete this *Verification of Death* form.

Details of the deceased

Family name _____ Given name(s) _____
 Sex _____ Age / DOB _____ MRN _____
 Address _____
 Place of death _____

Method of verifying identity Check arm band
 Patient known to health professional/service
 Information relayed by government contractor
 Other, provide details _____

Implantable devices remaining on / in body that require deactivation (eg pacemaker, implantable defibrillator) _____

Clinical Assessment

Examination Date _____ Examination Time _____

I have completed the following assessments and there is: (all tests must be undertaken to verify death)

- No palpable carotid pulse
- No heart sounds heard for 2 minutes
- No breath sounds heard for 2 minutes
- Fixed and dilated pupils
- No response to centralised stimulus
- No motor (withdrawal) response or facial grimace in response to painful stimulus

Details of any additional assessments undertaken (eg ECG strip) _____

OR

This is an obvious death (i.e. the person has injuries incompatible with life and/or has been deceased for some time)

AND

I declare that the person is deceased.

Details of person verifying death

Name _____
 Designation: medical practitioner registered nurse / registered midwife* qualified paramedic*
 Pager/Phone _____ Employing facility _____
 Signature _____ Date _____

Medical Certificate of Cause of Death (MCCD)

Details of medical practitioner who is to certify death (within 48 hours of the death)

Name _____ Contact Details _____

Has the medical practitioner been notified of patient death? Yes No

Details of arrangement with medical practitioner to complete certification _____

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