Medical certification of cause of death: instructions for physicians on use of international form of medical certificate of cause of death

Abstract
Assists physicians and surgeons in the completion of certificates of cause of death in keeping with a recommended international standard. The book reproduces the international form of medical certificate for cause of death, followed by an explanation of the procedures to be adopted in its completion. The book also lists the major causes of death, followed by diagnostic details required for the purpose of statistical analysis. Further practical assistance is provided through 21 examples showing how to record the chain of events leading back to the underlying cause of death and any condition contributing to death but not directly part of the fatal sequence. The book also reproduces a special certificate recommended for use when completing the causes of death statement for perinatal deaths.

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Amended medical cause of death to be completed by: medical certifier. Type in permanent. Black ink. 1. DECEDENT’S NAME (First, Middle, Last, Suffix). Affidavit of medical amendment to Florida certificate of death. Certification for the above named person, and that the following explanation is given as the basis of this amendment: Affidavit. DH Form 434A, 10/04. NOTARY. Signature and Title of Certifier or Attending Physician. Physician’s signature. Complete and sign the Affidavit of Medical Amendment to Florida Certificate of Death in the presence of a notary public or other officer having official seal. The notary section at the bottom of the form must include A Handbook for Physicians and Medical Examiners MEDICAL CERTIFICATION OF DEATH AND STILLBIRTH. Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations. Registry and Information Management Services Vital Statistics. The medical certificate of cause of death section of the Medical Certificate of Death, in use in Canada’s provinces and territories, is standardized in accordance with World Health Organization guidelines. From this, the physician’s and medical examiner’s statements of cause of death are classified, according to the World Health Organization’s International Classification of Diseases, Injuries and Causes of Death (ICD). An important concept in classifying causes of death is the underlying cause of death. Instructions on completing the Medical Certificate of Death are also printed on the reverse of the form. Questions about completing this form that are not covered in this handbook should be referred to the Office of the Registrar General, P.O. Box 4600, Thunder Bay, ON P7B 6L8 or by telephone at 1-807-343-7458. The cause of death section of the Medical Certificate of Death, in use in Canada’s provinces and territories, is standardized in accordance with the World Health Organization (WHO) guidelines. From this, the causes of death are classified, according to the World Health Organization’s International Classification of Diseases, Injuries and Causes of Death (ICD). An important concept in classifying causes of death is the underlying cause of death.