Be kind to families – get it right first time
Did you know in 2021/22, 41% of MCCDs 'not in order' had an admin error?

Medical Certificate of Cause of Death (Form 11)

Serial number:

The completed certificate should be taken to the Registrar of Deaths, Deaths and Marriages and will be retained by them.

Guidance for completion of this form is available at www.nrscotland.gov.uk/MCCDGuidance

Please print clearly in block capitals and do not abbreviate

Use black ink

Time of death (24-hour clock – hh:mm) 18:08

When the patient died, NOT the time death was confirmed

Place of death

Ensure full address noted including postcode

Business address

Include ward details if died in hospital

Business contact telephone number

Business/Ward telephone number NOT personal mobile

Signature of certifying doctor

You must remember to sign the form

Allowed abbreviations: HIV, AIDS, COVID-19 Disease and SARS-CoV-2, CREST, CADASIL and CARASIL, SCID, IgG, IgA and IgM

Part C - Cause of Death

| Disease or condition directly leading to death | Approximate between onset and death
| (a) CMO guidance: COVID-19 disease or SARS-CoV-2 are acceptable | Years |
| (b) Antecedent causes – Mortal conditions, if any, giving rise to the above cause, stating the underlying condition last | Months |
| (c) due to (or as a consequence of) | Days |
| (d) due to (or as a consequence of) | |

Always complete or certificate MUST be re-issued

Part D - Hazards

| DH1 Does the body of the deceased pose a risk to public health: for example, did the deceased have a notifiable infectious disease or was their body "contaminated", immediately before death? | Y N |
| DH2 Is there a cardiac pacemaker or another potentially explosive device currently present in the deceased? | |
| DH3 Is there radioactive material or other hazardous implant currently present in the deceased? | |

As COVID-19 disease is a notifiable disease, consideration should be given to ticking the hazard box – for up-to-date guidance: https://www.gov.scot/coronavirus-covid-19/

Part E - Additional Information

Post mortem examination by a pathologist (tick one)

| PM1 Post mortem has been done and information is included above |
| PM2 Post mortem information may be available later |
| PM3 No post mortem |

Attendance on deceased (tick one)

| A1 I was in attendance upon the deceased during last illness |
| A2 I was not in attendance upon the deceased during last illness: the doctor who was is unable to provide the certificate |
| A3 No doctor was in attendance on the deceased |

2% incorrect

Consider if cared for the patient during the illness or condition that led to death

Extra information for statistical purposes (tick if applicable)

X I may be able to supply the Registrar General with additional information

11% incorrect

Before sending to the local registration office, check:

Spelling is correct
Writing is legible
All parts are completed to the best of your knowledge and belief

DCRS Contact Number: 0300 123 1898
DCRS Website - https://www.healthcareimprovementscotland.org/our_work/governance_and_assurance/death_certification.aspx
SAD Website - https://www.sad.scot.nhs.uk/