

Medical Examiner Death Certification Process



DEATH OCCURS

Is there an Attending Medical Practitioner who is able to Issue an MCCD

NO

Is any other Medical Practitioner eligible to issue an MCCD?

NO

YES

AP must have attended the deceased at any time during their life.

Coroner decides no duty to investigate
Coroner refers back for Attending Practitioner or ME to complete an MCCD and submit for Medical Examiner scrutiny. Coroner issues FORM CN1A
In exceptional Circumstances, If no Attending Practitioner available, and COD is natural, the Coroner may ask the Medical Examiner to complete MCCD. Coroner ISSUES FORM CN1B

Coroner decides duty to investigate
Coroner Issues Form CN2 (PART B) and Coroners Order for Burial (Form 101)

YES

ATTENDING PRACTITIONER

MEDICAL EXAMINER

REGISTRAR

Cause of death is unclear, violent / unnatural, or in custody / detention

Cause of death is clear / natural

Body Released to Undertakers for Burial

Completes MCCD, including proposed cause of death. Sends MCCD to Medical Examiner with relevant medical records. AP must have attended the deceased at any time during their life.

ME referral and MCCD

Discussion, if required

Carries out a proportionate review of the MCCD and associated medical records.

MCCD agreed with ME and completed by AP

ME Completes and sends MCCD

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