

STATEMENT 3.2.12 – STATEMENT ON COMPLETION OF A MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH
Undergraduate Medical Education

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I. PURPOSE

To identify who is eligible and responsible for completing a Medical Certificate of Death when a patient dies.

II. STATEMENT

1.0 Medical Certificate of Death is Form 16

2.0 “The Vital Statistics Act (*section 21, subsection 3*) requires the legally qualified medical practitioner or coroner to complete and sign this form forthwith after the death, investigation or inquest, as the case may be, and deliver it to the funeral director in charge of the body who, in turn, must remit it to the local division registrar before the death can officially be registered and a burial permit issued (*sec. 22*).”

3.0 Therefore, for death occurring, a licenced physician with privileges at the identified hospital or long-term care facility (or his/her Fellow or Resident representative) may complete this form.

4.0 A Coroner may also complete this form.

5.0 Medical students are **NOT** legally allowed to complete this form.