

PROCESS CHANGE/NEW KNOWLEDGE

TOPIC 2: Death Notification and Mortuary Release Form

The following changes have been made to the Death Notification and Mortuary Release from:

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- ◆ ID of person who pronounced the death of patient
- ◆ Presence of any implanted devices
- ◆ If any radioactive materials were administered or implanted prior to the time of death (i.e. radioactive seeds or oral treatments)
 - **contact the Radiation Safety Officer through PBX**
- ◆ Coroners case: include time notified, County Specified, case number given
- ◆ Create Midas report if the patient had been in **restraints within 24 hours** prior to death
- ◆ Notify and document the name and date that the attending MD and pertinent physician consultants (Cardiologist, Surgeons, etc.) were notified.
- ◆ Identify Mortuary of choice on the form



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- ◆ Include specific information regarding personal belongings
 - Who inventoried and who were they released to
- ◆ Name and signature of person removing body from the hospital bed **OR** morgue
- ◆ Name and signature of KD staff person present during the release of the body
- ◆ Name of KD staff or person placing the body in the morgue.

What staff need to know:

- ◆ The forms are located in the forms box on the unit
- ◆ The form is to be initiated by the RN caring for the patient (Charge nurse can assist)
- ◆ The form must stay with the body until released to the Mortuary
- ◆ The yellow copy goes with the body to the Mortuary
- ◆ The white copy goes to medical records once it is complete

