

Death of a patient - checklist

<p>A lot more information, along with relevant forms may be found on the RCH Intranet at: www.rch.org.au/clinicalguide/guideline_index/Death_of_a_child</p> <p>Date of death</p>	<p>UR number Name DOB Address</p> <p>label</p>
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Does the death need to be reported to the coroner? Yes / No

If Yes:

- Complete Medical Deposition
(keep a copy yourself, and put one in medical record)
- Complete Body Identification

Phone Coroners Office Call **9684 4444** Fax 9682 1206

Record Coroner's Case Number:

Do not complete Death Certificate/Cremation Form

If No:

- Complete Death Certificate

Cause of death:

Is the patient to have a Hospital autopsy? Yes / No

(Complete Autopsy Request Form and a Consent Form)

- If potential organ donor - complete relevant paperwork.
- If death related to a hospital adverse event - See Serious Adverse Event Checklist
- Thank nurses and other staff for their help.

Notes

Notify the following people

- The child's usual consultant at RCH
- Other RCH consultants actively involved in child's care.
- The child's usual paediatrician if from outside RCH
- The paediatrician that referred the patient in to RCH on this occasion (if different)
- The child's GP
- The family's GP (if different)
- Other (eg Maternal and Child Health Nurse) (eg Obstetrician)

Who is going to follow up with this family?

Is this arranged? Make a note in your diary to send a card/letter to family

See medical Follow Up part of death of a child CPG for an example

Bereavement counseling arrangements.

Social worker/s involved