

216-RICR-10-10-1.18 Responsibility of Physician

A.

Immediately following a person's death, the attending physician or the physician declaring a person dead, or if the death occurs in a hospital, a registered hospital medical officer duly appointed by the hospital director or administrator shall complete the physician's portion of the burial-transit permit, provided that the death does not fall under the jurisdiction of the medical examiner in accordance with § 1.18(C) of this Part, so that the burial-transit permit can be released with the dead body. Within forty-eight (48) hours of a person's death, the physician shall also give the funeral director a certificate of death on which only the following information has been completed: 1. The name of the deceased which shall be entered in the margin; 2. The date of death; 3. A properly completed medical certification of death, with cause of death printed or typed in black ink; 4. The certifier's signature and hand or machine printed name; and 5. Such other information as may be required in the medical certification section of the death certificate.

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B.

A staff member of an institution assisting the physician in completing the medical certification section of a death certificate shall complete only the medical certification section as designated by the physician.

C.

The certifying physician shall not complete or sign the medical certification or burial-transit permit but shall refer the case to the medical examiner, where the decedent may appear to have met death in any manner as specified in Part 60-10-1 of this Title, Medical Examiner System, and R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 23-4.