

State of Washington  
Medical Quality Assurance Commission

# Guideline

Title:	Completion of Death Certificates by Physicians and Physician Assistants	GUI2017-01
References:	<a href="#">RCW 70.58.170</a>	
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The Medical Quality Assurance Commission (Commission) adopted Guideline MD 2016-01, “Completion of Death Certificates by Physicians and Physician Assistants,” in January 2016. In September 2016, the Washington State Department of Health, Center for Health Statistics, adopted Guideline CHS D-10 “Completion of Death Certificates” for all medical certifiers to follow when completing death certificates.

The Commission rescinds its guideline, and urges all physicians and physician assistants to follow the guideline issued by the Washington State Department of Health, Center for Health Statistics. This guideline can be found here:

<http://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/5600/422-134-GuidelineCompletionOfDeathCertificates.pdf>