

Sample Policy for Death of Hospital at Home Patient who is DNR/DNI From the UMass Memorial Health Hospital at Home Program

1. Pronouncement (attached):
 - a. H@H or MIH staff member will contact MD on call for H@H to notify patient has expired
 - b. H@H or MIH staff member will open a video session with H@H MD via standard procedure
 - c. H@H provider will pronounce patient

2. Notifications of Death (attached):
 - a. H@H MD will notify family if not present in the home
 - b. H@H MD will determine if case meets the Medical Examiner reporting requirements
 - c. H@H MD will notify New England Organ Bank
 - d. H@H MD will discuss autopsy with next of kin or health care proxy

3. Documentation of Death (attached)
 - a. Documentation of the pronouncement will be completed in the appropriate sections of the medical record (Discharged as Deceased) and will include:
 - i. Date and time of death
 - ii. Preliminary cause of death
 - iii. Name of provider pronouncing death
 - iv. Absence of pulse, respirations, pupil response for cardiopulmonary deaths
 - v. Whether family is present or informed

- vi. Notification of attending MD (required), New England Organ Bank (required) and Medical Examiner (if case is reportable)
- vii. Whether family request UMMH autopsy or if autopsy is declined (if autopsy is requested follow procedure for autopsy consent – attached)

b. Pronouncement of Death Form

- i. H@H MD will use the Discharged as Deceased Workflow and flow the attached Job Aid (attached)
- ii. Once the Discharge Patient order is accepted – PAS team will be notified and complete the form
- iii. If a Medical Examiner case the ME will complete the Death Certificate

4. Family Responsibility:

- a. Family should be instructed to notify a funeral home of their choice to remove the body

5. H@H Staff or MIH staff responsibility following pronouncement:

- a. H@H or MIH staff member will provide support to family members to call a funeral home and clergy
- b. H@H or MIH staff member may stay with family if needed

Policies/Job Aids:

			
2091 Patient Deaths (1).pdf	2091-3 Notifications of InfaPronouncement and Dof Regulatory Docu	2091-4	2091-1 Completion
			
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