



# Improving cause of death reporting in SA

Free online course for doctors  
and medical students

Although South Africa has a well-established Civil Registration and Vital Statistics system, the quality of mortality statistics obtained from the death notification forms completed by medical doctors is still suboptimal.

We sought to address the lack of training of medical students and doctors on proper certification of cause of death by developing a free online training course based on the ICD principles of identifying the underlying cause of death, and compatible with the death notification form used in South Africa.

We are happy to report that the online training tool has been completed.

[www.deathcertification.org](http://www.deathcertification.org)

## How does it work?

- The platform enables self-learning on how to correctly complete a death certificate, understanding the importance of correct medical certification of cause of death, and the role of doctors in producing reliable cause of death statistics.
- Case scenarios are presented throughout the training and each module is followed with a self-assessment to consolidate the information that has been covered.
- Assessments linked to Continuing Education Units are available. The participant can register for a final assessment.
- The training is delivered on a platform that is compatible with computers, tablets and mobile phones. It includes voice-over recordings and downloadable reading materials.
- Additional module on correct certification of COVID-19 deaths

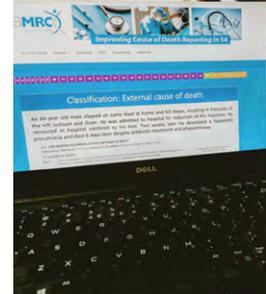


Free Online Course  
for Medical Students & Doctors

Learn to **correctly** complete a medical certificate of **cause of death** and when to refer to forensic pathology



Do in your own time  
Earn CPD points



6 General  
and  
2 Ethics



Earn CPD points: 6 general points and 2 ethics points

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