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Memorandum

To: Ontario Division Registrars

From: Sirad Mohamoud
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Date: June 26, 2025

Re: Medical Certificate of Death and Expanding the Scope of Practice for Nurses

On November 28, 2024, the Government of Ontario [announced it was expanding the scopes of practice for nurse practitioners and registered nurses](#).

Effective July 1, 2025, regulatory amendments made under the *Vital Statistics Act, 1990*, will allow:

- Nurse practitioners to certify deaths in a broader range of circumstances; and
- Registered nurses to certify deaths in limited circumstances by completing and signing Medical Certificates of Death in specific situations.

This initiative is a collaboration between the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery and Procurement (MPBSDP).

To support the implementation of these changes, MPBSDP has developed new and updated training materials regarding how to certify deaths and how to complete the Medical Certificate of Death (MCOD), including a [video tutorial](#) and more, which can be accessed via [Publications Ontario](#).

The paper and electronic versions of the MCOd have been updated to include a box for RNs when certifying the death. Updates have also been made to the eMCOD in

preparation for a future time when the electronic death registration initiative is implemented.

We kindly ask that you share this information with your sector partners, stakeholders, and affected staff from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario to ensure they are aware of the regulatory changes and available resources.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership and dedication to enhancing access to vital records and services for communities across Ontario.

If you have any questions or require further clarification about this memo, please do not hesitate to contact the dedicated division registrar helpline at (807) 343-7431.

For any questions regarding the scope of practice for nurses, please contact the College of Nurses of Ontario using this link: [practice support form](#).

Sincerely,



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