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Reporting Cause of Death in NYC

The NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) Bureau of Vital Statistics (BVS) would like to alert you to available **resources on completing cause of death on NYC death certificates.**

- A free online training course, Improving Cause of Death (COD) Reporting eLearning, is available on the DOHMH website and is required for all users of the Electronic Death Registration System (EDRS), also known as the Electronic Vital Events Registration System (EVERS). This training covers how to accurately complete the COD section, when to refer cases to the Office of Chief Medical Examiner, and the importance of accurate COD data. The training is available at:
<http://www.nyc.gov/html/doh/html/data/vs-cod-quality.shtml>
- Guidance materials on obtaining cremation clearance, the Amendment process, and instructions on completing COD are also available at:
<http://www.nyc.gov/html/doh/html/data/vs-cod-quality.shtml>
- In-person presentations (one hour with Q&A) that review COD reporting and how to complete COD may also be arranged by contacting the Quality Improvement Unit at VitalQI@health.nyc.gov or 646-632-6730 9am – 5pm, Monday –Friday
- EDRS/EVERS user guides can be found on the DOHMH website at:
<http://www.nyc.gov/html/doh/html/services/vr-edrs-for-med.shtml>. For additional assistance with EDRS contact our Constituent Services Unit at evers@health.nyc.gov or (646) 632-6705 8am-5pm, Monday-Friday.
- The Burial Desk staff are unable to provide guidance on Cause of Death reporting, however, death cases are evaluated for registration upon submission in EDRS.

Sincerely,

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