

## DEATH OF A PATIENT

### POLICY STATEMENT

It is Bay of Plenty District Health Board's (BOPDHB) aim that the death of any patient / client within its facilities is managed in a manner which complies with current legislation and maintains the dignity and confidentiality of the deceased.

### PURPOSE

- To ensure all legal and professional requirements related to a death are met
- To ensure the privacy and dignity of the deceased is maintained

### EXCLUSIONS

There are no exclusions.

### REFERENCES

- Coroner's Act 2006
- Births Deaths & Marriages Registration Act 1995
- Medical Certificate of Causes of Fetal and Neonatal Death (HP4721)
- Births Deaths & Marriages Transfer of Charge of Body Form (BDM39) – *available from Orderlies / Duty Manager*
- Ministry of Health A Medical Certificate of Cause of Death form (HP4720)
- Cremation Form B A&B
- Coroners Regulations 2006
- New Zealand Public Health and Disability Act 2000.
- [Internal Affairs. Before Burial or Cremation booklet. July 2015](#)

### ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 6.6.1 protocol 1 Death of a Patient - Record of Death
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 6.6.1 protocol 2 Death of a Patient – Coroner Notification and Investigation
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 6.6.1 protocol 7 Death of a Patient - Care of the Deceased
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 6.6.1 protocol 11 Death of a Patient - Perinatal / Paediatric Post Mortem Transfer to Auckland, Wellington
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 6.6.1 protocol 13 Death of a Patient - Blessings
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 6.3.9 Body Parts and Tissues
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 1.1.1 Informed Consent
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 1.4.4 Māori Cultural Safety
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 2.1.4 Incident Management
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 2.5.1 Health Information Privacy
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board Form FM.D1.4 Death - Record of Death Form

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