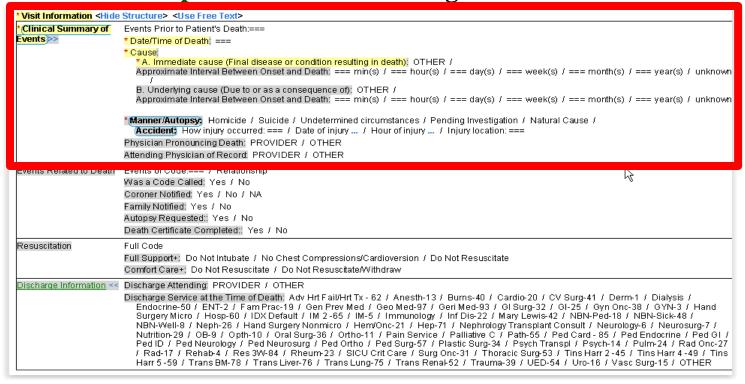
UAB Hospital: Death Note Changes – October 2014



Instructions:

- Death Note must be completed by <u>Residents</u> for every deceased patient at the time of death
- The Death Note must be completed thoroughly as it is used by HIM to create the Electronic Death Certificate
- Critical items to complete correctly:
 - Clinical Summary of Events:
 - **Date/Time of Death** the date and time of patient's death
 - Cause of death
 - Immediate cause of death provide a **specific** immediate cause of death
 - Do not include physiologic descriptions such as brain death, asystole, cardiac arrest, respiratory failure, hypoxemia. Please include a description of the disease process believed to be the primary cause; for example myocardial infarction, septic shock, pneumonia, pulmonary embolism; that lead to the physiologic perturbation ultimately resulting in death
 - Secondary causes: Include relevant disease processes (and suspected time line).
 - Relevant underlying disease
 - Manner/Autopsy provide how the patient died
 - Physician Pronouncing the Death provide the name of the physician that pronounced the patient dead
 - Attending Physician of Record provide the name of the attending physician on the patient record responsible for certifying the death certificate
 - **Events Related to Death** Indicate whether:
 - a code was called
 - the coroner was notified
 - the family was notified
 - there was an autopsy request
 - the death certificate was complete
 - ➤ Resuscitation Indicate the type of support and/or resuscitation
 - Discharge Information
 - **Discharge Attending** provide the **full name** of the discharge attending
 - **Discharge service at the time of death** provide the **name of the discharge service** the patient was discharged from at the time of death

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Example of Death Note

(access through IMPACT "Death Note" template)

Events prior to patient's death:

Called to bedside at 1400 for unresponsive and pulseless patient. Confirmed DNR status. No respirations. Absent heart sounds and breath sounds. No pulses palpable in carotid and femoral arteries. Pupils fixed and dilated. Patient pronounced dead at 1400.

Date/Time of death: 1/1/14, 1400

Cause:

Immediate: Adult respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS), days

Septic shock, days Pneumonia (days) Lung cancer (months)

Underlying cause: diabetes (years), coronary artery disease (years), congestive heart failure years)

Manner/Autopsy: Natural Cause

Physician Pronouncing Death: ICU Resident (enter specific name)

<u>Attending Physician of Record</u>: ICU Attending (enter specific name)

Events related to death:

Was code called: no Coroner notified: no Family notified: yes Autopsy requested: yes Death certificate completed: no

Resuscitation: comfort care DNR