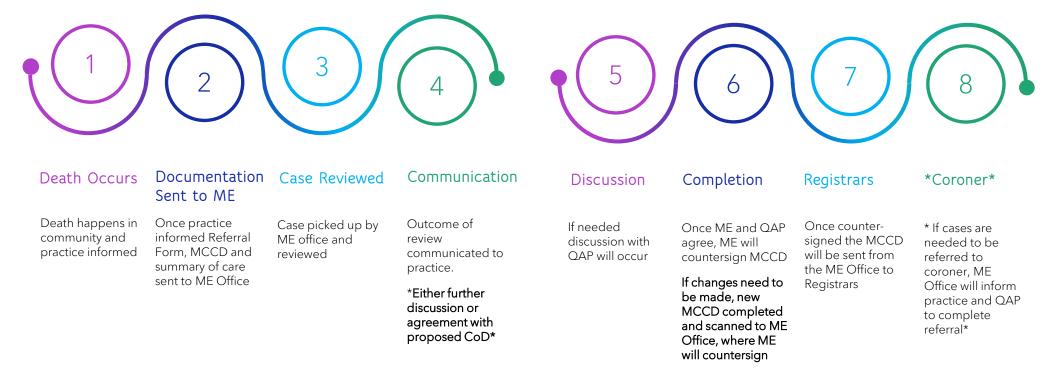
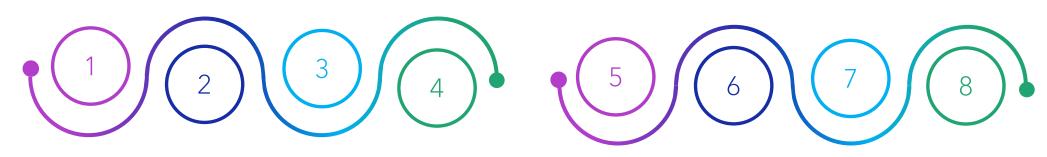
ME STANDARD PROCESS



^{*}Urgent Release Deaths – if within ME Office hours please let us know so we can prioritise and complete ASAP.

From 9th September an Out of Hours Service will operate Sat and Sun (Local procedures communicated via Local ME Office. Please refer in following the same process as above). Any questions please contact your local ME Office

ATTENDING PRACTITIONER UNAVAILABLE



Death Occurs

Attending Practitioner Unavailable

Death happens in community and practice informed

If no attending practitioner is available in a "reasonable timeframe" then a referral will need to be made to the Coroner

Coroners Referral

Coroner's referral made with statement regarding AP being unavailable and Non-Attending Practitioner has done referral on their behalf

Review

Coroner reviews case, confirms no available AP and completes CN1B

CN1b Issued

Coroner issues CN1B form and informs ME

ME Office receives CN1B notification and information from Coroner

Completion

Practice refers into ME Office using regular process and ME reviews case

Cause of Death from review is used on ME-MCCD and back is completed with Referring Doctor and Coroner

Registrars

Once completed, the MCCD will be sent from the ME Office to Registrars

To Coroner after ME Review

*After ME review if ME feels case needs referring back to Coroner then ME Office informs Coroner's office, discussion/ referral occurs.

In cases where "ping pong" may occur, Coroner has right to investigate and close case.

CORONERS REFERRAL



Death Occurs

Death happens in community and practice informed

Once practice informed, referral to Coroner completed and sent

Referral to

Coroner

(Can be direct referral or under ME Office Guidance)

Initial Review

Coroner's Office review case.

Decision made about need to Investigate

Not for Investigation

Coroner decides NO need to investigate as cause of death is natural

CN1A Issued

Coroner Issues CN1A form and informs GP.

ME Office receives CN1A notification and information from Coroner.

Completion

Practice refers into ME Office using regular process and ME reviews case.

If cause of death agreed, MCCD is counter-signed.

Registrars

Once countersigned the MCCD will be sent from the ME Office to Registrars.

To Coroner after ME Review

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In cases where "ping pong" may occur Coroner has right to investigate and close case.

CN1A replaces 100A from 9th September, following decision by coroner that case does not require investigation.