

WHAT IS TER-DEATH?

Texas Vital Statistics has implemented an electronic death-registration system, Texas Electronic Registrar (TER)-Death, to process secure, error-free death certificates without the use of a paper certificate.

TER-Death provides for online access so that information on decedent fact of death and cause of death is registered electronically by physicians. With TER-Death, the ability to report cause of death with increased timeliness and accuracy is an integral part of patient care and improves cause-of-death data for disease-surveillance systems.

***NEVER SIGN
A DEATH CERTIFICATE
AGAIN!***

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Optimal computer configuration:

- 1.0 gigabyte processor speed or faster with 512 MB of RAM or more
- Adobe Acrobat Reader
- Pentium 4 or equivalent
- Windows XP operating system
- Web browser with Flash Player (7.0 or greater)
- Internet access at 56K or better (broadband connection preferred)
- 1024 x 768 resolution color monitor

Texas Certified Birth and Death Certificates may be ordered via the Internet at:

www.texasonline.com

WANT TO KNOW MORE? CONTACT US!

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TEXAS ELECTRONIC REGISTRAR (TER)

Internet-Based Death Registration



WHAT PHYSICIANS SHOULD KNOW



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WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF TER-DEATH?

- ☑ Allows you to certify a death at the time of death.
- ☑ Provides for paperless filing of a death record.
- ☑ Saves time and effort by enabling electronic death certificate completion.
- ☑ Improves the timeliness and quality of cause-of-death reporting.
- ☑ Reduces errors in and rejection of death certificates.
- ☑ Promotes uniformity in cause-of-death statistics.
- ☑ Supports the completion and filing of a death record that is partially an electronic record and partially a paper certificate if all participants are not online.
- ☑ Improves cause-of-death data provided to electronic disease surveillance systems and researchers.
- ☑ Speeds turnaround time for obtaining death records for families.
- ☑ Facilitates on-line collaboration among users of the multiple-death registration system, including funeral homes, hospitals, nursing homes, physicians, medical examiners and coroners, and local and state registrars.
- ☑ Inhibits fraud by using electronic authentication.
- ☑ Automates the referral to the medical examiner or justice of the peace for possible non-natural deaths.

TER-DEATH AND THE AMA

Texas Electronic Registrar is in accordance with the resolution adopted by the American Medical Association (AMA) in 2002 related to improving the reporting of cause of death. This AMA resolution calls for the following four measures:

- Emphasize to the medical community that precise cause-of-death reporting is critical.
- Work with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), as well as state medical associations to ensure use of uniform cause-of-death terminology.
- Educate state legislators on the importance of uniformity in mortality statistics so research dollars may be appropriately disbursed.
- Train physicians in medical schools, residency programs and continuing medical education courses on how to fill out a death certificate.

HOW DO I SIGN UP?

Texas Vital Statistics enrolls physicians, hospital and clinic personnel, and medical-office managers in this innovative electronic death registration program.

To sign up, follow these steps:

- ☑ Go to www.dshs.state.tx.us/vs/edeath
- ☑ Download the “Registration Form for Physicians.”
- ☑ Complete the form and fax as indicated on the form.
- ☑ You will receive e-mail notification of TER-Death trainings in your area, or you can request training from Texas Vital Statistics by contacting us via e-mail at: help-TER@dshs.state.tx.us.

