

MORNING CMO REPORT

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OR Access

Applies to All Downtown Physicians

OR Access
Alert

To improve access to physicians who need to enter the OR area, while also keeping out unnecessary traffic, there has been a change in access to the downtown OR's. As of Monday, September 28th, the two doors to the left in the south hallway of 5 East that lead to the OR locker rooms, and the OR's and PACU were placed on 24/7 proximity reader access. Any individual with an active Upstate ID can activate the opening of these doors. Restricted access to the OR has been removed from these doors.

Patient Expiration Release of Body Form

Applies to All Physicians

Release of Body
Informational

Earlier this year a large interdisciplinary team gathered to address numerous patient care issues surrounding patient deaths in our institution. The root issues were traced to breakdowns in communication and staff not knowing each of the steps in the process surrounding autopsies and referrals to the Medical Examiner. One of the key changes is to the Release of Body form 41450. This form is our best way to document each step in the process and ensure key individuals are notified along the way. The revised form is organized in a matrix fashion with vertical columns to denote if this will be a Medical Examiner case, or if autopsy is requested or declined. Completion of form should include completing just one of the columns (Column A, B or C).

Horizontally, the form has places for each stakeholder to document their steps in this process. Additionally, EPIC has some changes to help guide nurses and physicians through the process.

The pronouncing physician and the RN caring for the patient must complete the Release of Body Form #41450. If there is any doubt concerning the reportability of a death to the Medical Examiner's Office, the Medical Examiner's Office should be called.

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NEW Release of Body Form 41450 Pronouncing Physician Section

Form has 3 parts – keep form together:

- White – Medical Records Yellow – Admitting Pink – Pathology

Completion of Form - Column A, B or C Pronouncing Physician Section

- Name, Signature, Cell and Date/Time
- Attending MD
- Complete the form sections:
 - A = Medical Examiner Case
 - B = Autopsy Requested
 - C = Autopsy Declined

| RELEASE OF BODY | | Please apply ID sticker to each of 3 parts | | |
|--|---------------------|--|---|---|
| Corresponding Staff complete this column | | Select One Column below: | | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> A Medical Examiner | <input type="checkbox"/> B Autopsy Requested | <input type="checkbox"/> C Autopsy Declined |
| Pronouncing Physician | Name: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Call 435-3183 | <input type="checkbox"/> Page 487-2271 (Autopsy Dir.) CC - Pathology - 492-5096 <input type="checkbox"/> OBTAIN CONSENT | |
| | Signature: _____ | Date of Death: _____ Time of Death: _____ | Date of Death: _____ Time of Death: _____ | Date of Death: _____ Time of Death: _____ |
| RN / Designate | Cell/Pager #: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Attending MD Notified <input type="checkbox"/> Patient treated with radiation in excess of 5 millicuries (Contact radiation safety officer at x4-6510) | <input type="checkbox"/> Attending MD Notified <input type="checkbox"/> Patient treated with radiation in excess of 5 millicuries (Contact radiation safety officer at x4-6510) | <input type="checkbox"/> Attending MD Notified <input type="checkbox"/> Patient treated with radiation in excess of 5 millicuries (Contact radiation safety officer at x4-6510) |
| | Attending MD: _____ | | | |
| PAS (Patient Access Services) | Name: _____ | CALL PATIENT ACCESS: 4-5280 492-5793 (CC) | CALL PATIENT ACCESS: 4-5280 492-5793 (CC) | CALL PATIENT ACCESS: 4-5280 492-5793 (CC) |
| | Signature: _____ | Give belongings to family or place in body bag. | Give belongings to family or place in body bag. | Give belongings to family or place in body bag. |
| Pathologist / Medical Examiner | Name: _____ | Body bag lock #: _____ | Body bag lock #: _____ | Body bag lock #: _____ |
| | Signature: _____ | | | |
| Federal Director | Date/Time: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> autopsy, copy chart <input type="checkbox"/> Verify Medical Examiner Case Eye bank hold Date/Time: _____ Eye bank release Date/Time: _____ | Page 487-2271 (Autopsy Dir.) CC - Pathology - 492-5096 If autopsy, copy chart <input type="checkbox"/> Verify Requested Autopsy Eye bank hold Date/Time: _____ Eye bank release Date/Time: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Verify autopsy declined <input type="checkbox"/> Verify no Medical Examiner Case Eye bank hold Date/Time: _____ Eye bank release Date/Time: _____ |
| | Name: _____ | | <input type="checkbox"/> Verify consent: Form # 40070 | |
| Univ. Police | Signature: _____ | | | |
| | Print Name: _____ | | | |
| License #: _____ | | | | |
| Funeral home: _____ | | | | |
| Date & Time of release of body: _____ | | | | |
| Name: _____ | | | | |
| Date/Time: _____ | | | | |
| Verify lock #: _____ | | | | |
| Transport company/ Medical examiner/Funeral director Name: _____ | | | | |

Key: CC = Community Campus

41450 - Release of Body Rev 7/2015 WHITE - Medical Record YELLOW - Admitting PINK - Pathology MR M

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Outstanding Physician Comments

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Comments
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Each week we receive written comments from our patients regarding the care we provide within the Hospital. Below are this week's comments from grateful patients receiving care on the units and clinics at Upstate:

Pediatrics – Dr. Smith in pediatric oncology treated my son better than any doctor has treated him while in the hospital.

University Center for Vision Care – Dr. Andrews was very concerned and assured me that there was a reason for my concern and explained it to me.

Dr. Morrison made the appointment and I did not have to wait once.

Breast Care Center – Dr. Scott Albert was very concerned, helpful and professional. He is very caring and a good listener.

University Cardiology – Dr. Michiel is a great doctor. He is the most thorough doctor I have ever seen.

Joslin – Dr. Weinstock was understanding and had professional knowledge.

Surgery – UH – Dr. Costanza has impressed me from my first contact with him in ICU; has worked consistently with respect to my personal health care choices.

Transplant Center – Dr. Whittaker is friendly and very polite. He is a great doctor; there is a special place in my heart for him.

Dr. Narsipur because he is kind, patient, informative and a good listener.

Upstate Urology – Dr. Shapiro sat opposite me and looked directly at me. To me that's important; he is paying attention to me!

Dr. Nikolavsky – his manner; excellent description of alternatives to solve my problem.

Dr. Byler explained thoroughly my condition.

Upstate Pediatrics – Dr. Schurman; always a comfortable visit with her. She takes her time with us and listens to our concerns. She is the BEST.

6A – Dr. Rawlins and his team were exceptional!

5B – Dr. Shapiro was the greatest!

Peds ER – Dr. Ryan Smith was excellent; took his time explaining.

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