

EXPEDITED DEATH RESPONSE

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Dedicated hospital/LTC staff (EDR Team) facilitates contact with family and Funeral Home within 12 hours. EDRT ensures MCOD is available or notifies OCC Team. OCC office hours 8am-6pm.



OCC Team is advised and prepares EMCOD (in case one is not with decedent).



FH attends hospital/LTC staging area and gives stretcher to hospital/LTC staff. (FH supplies pouch to LTC.) FH receives disinfected, pouch with deceased & takes into their care.



Transfer to FH. Disinfect stretcher and equipment



At FH, confirm identity of body. Prepare decedent for disposition.



FH obtains EMCOD if one not provided at hospital. FH completes Form 15 and transmits docs to local registrar to obtain Burial Permit



FH transfers to final disposition

Legend

- **EDRT** – Expedited Death Response Team
- **LTC** – Long-term care
- **MCOD** – Medical Certificate of Death
- **EMCOD** – Electronic MCODE
- **OCC** – Office of the Chief Coroner
- **FH** – Funeral home

Key advantages of this strategy:

1. Dignity and respect of decedents and families; important for families to keep death care as “normal” as possible. All religions hold the body as sacred.
2. Moves decedents from healthcare to funeral sector without delay to place them into care of people best-trained and equipped to handle them.
3. Relieves burden on healthcare – devote their attention on the living.
4. Limits movement/transfer of bodies to prevent redundant handling,
5. Reduces risk to healthcare & deathcare staff (by reducing exposure), reduces use of PPE.
6. Opportunities for mistakes in identification and transfer are reduced.
7. Avoids mass storage of decedents in alternative facilities (trailers, arenas etc.)
8. Deathcare remains local vs centralized outside community