

# Death certification curriculum for undergraduate medical education

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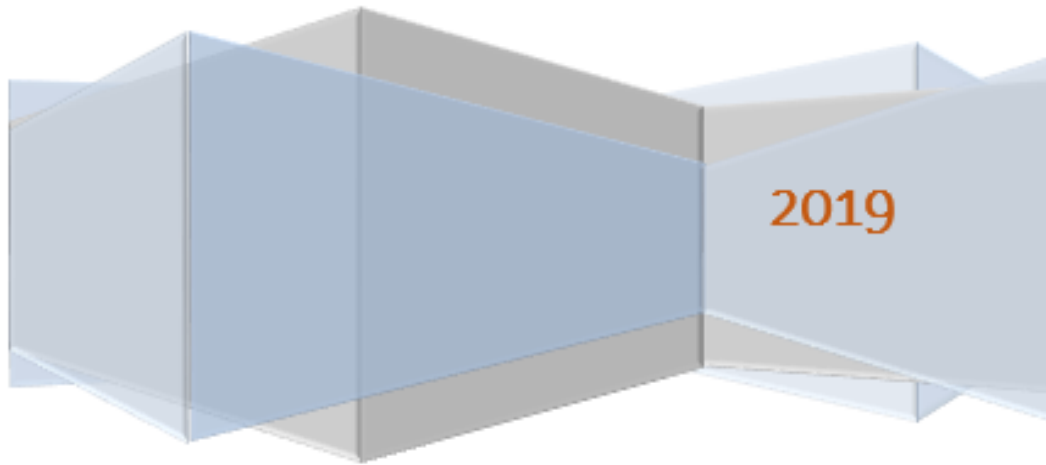
# Cause of Death Certification

- Cause of death certification is important for legal, statistical and epidemiological considerations .
- Doctors have legal and medical responsibilities towards certifying cause of death.
- All medical doctors must be well trained in:
  - Understanding the importance of cause of death certification for public health
  - Understand the concept of Underlying Cause of deaths
  - Understand ICD-10 (ICD-11) mortality coding.
  - Be aware of the mortality selection rules for the underlying cause of deaths.
  - Certifying the cause of death as accurately as possible, the final diagnosis.



Medical certification of the  
cause of death and  
introduction to ICD coding

A handbook for physicians



Curriculum was endorsed by 18 deans of the largest faculties of medicine in the Eastern Mediterranean Region.

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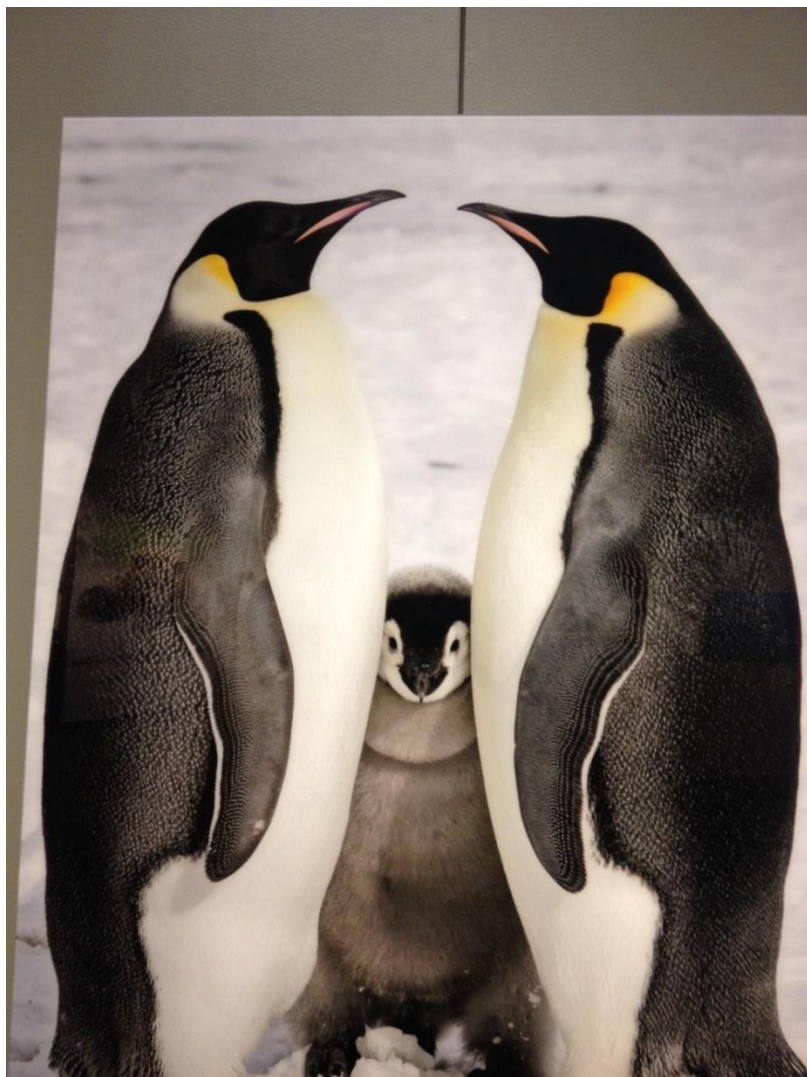


# Curriculum by subject matter

#	Chapters	Lectures	Practical (exercises)	Presentation
1	Importance of mortality and cause of death of deaths statistics and Introduction to the WHO International death certificate	1/2 hour	---	Presentation available
2	How to fill the medical certificate of death with examples	1 hour	1 hour	Presentation available
3	ICD-10 coding	1 hour	1/2 hour	Presentation available
4	Introduction to ICD simplified selection rules	1 hour	1/2 hour	Presentation available
5	Test		1/2 hour	

# Develop the specifications of curriculum according to universities' existing curriculum structure

<b>Learning objectives</b>	<b>MOT</b>	<b>Assessment Tools</b>	<b>Weight age</b>	<b>No of items</b>
<b>Recognize the significance of ICD coding and death certification</b>	Lecture SGD	MCQ	25%	4 MCQ
<b>Understand death certification regulations in the country</b>	Lecture SGD	SEQ	25%	2 SEQs
<b>Perform ICD coding of various diseases and conditions</b>	Workshop Skills lab Small Group Activity	OSCE	25%	1 OSCE station
<b>Fill the detach certificate using ICD coding system</b>	Workshop Skills lab Small Group Activity	OSCE	25%	1 OSCE station



# Thank you

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