

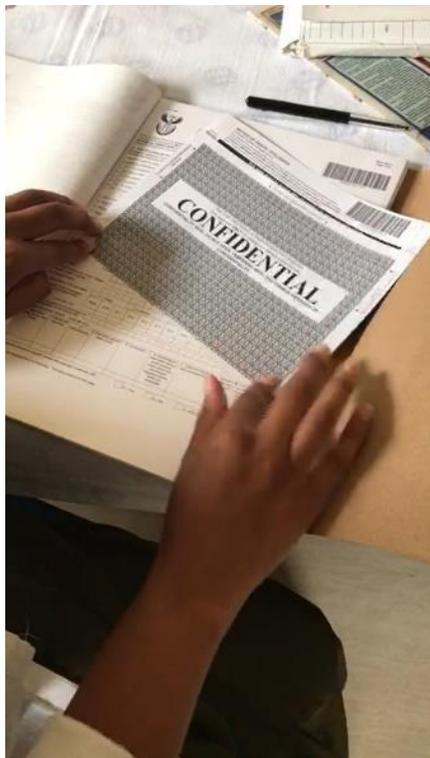


Improving Cause of Death Reporting in SA

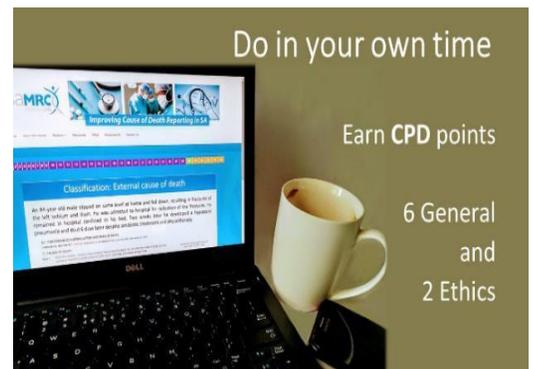
New free online course launched for doctors and medical students

- Although South Africa has a well-established Civil Registration and Vital Statistics system, the quality of mortality statistics obtained from the death notification forms completed by medical doctors is still suboptimal.
- We sought to address the lack of training of medical students and doctors on proper certification of cause of death by developing a free online training course based on the ICD principles of identifying the underlying cause of death, and compatible with the death notification form used in South Africa.
- *We are happy to report that the online training tool has been completed and was recently launched:*
- www.deathcertification.org

How does it work?



- ❖ The platform enables self-learning on how to correctly complete a death certificate, understanding the importance of correct medical certification of cause of death, and the role of doctors in producing reliable cause of death statistics.
- ❖ Case scenarios are presented throughout the training and each module is followed with a self-assessment to consolidate the information that has been covered.
- ❖ Assessments linked to Continuing Education Units are available. The participant can register for a final assessment.
- ❖ The training is delivered on a platform that is compatible with computers, tablets and mobile phones. It includes voice-over recordings and downloadable reading materials.
- ❖ **Additional module on correct certification of COVID-19 deaths is underway.**



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