

TOTAL MARKS

TRAINING COURSE IN MEDICAL CERTIFICATION IN CAUSE OF DEATH

Nadi, Fiji

27-28 February 2023

Pre-Test

27 February 2023

TIME ALLOWED: THIRTY MINUTES

YOUR NAME:

COUNTRY:

Question 1

A 50-year-old woman was admitted to the hospital vomiting blood and was diagnosed as having bleeding oesophageal varices. Investigation revealed cirrhosis (3 years) & portal hypertension (1 year). The woman had a history of hepatitis B infection (5 years). Three days later, she died.

Complete the below Medical Certificate of Cause of Death (MCCD).

INTERNATIONAL FORM OF MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF CAUSE OF DEATH

| Cause of death | | Approximate interval between onset and death |
|--|---------------------------------|--|
| I Disease or condition directly leading to death* | (a) | |
| | due to (or as a consequence of) | |
| Antecedent causes Morbidity conditions, if any, giving rise to the above cause, stating the underlying condition last | (b) | |
| | due to (or as a consequence of) | |
| | (c) | |
| | due to (or as a consequence of) | |
| | (d) | |
| II Other significant conditions contributing to the death, but not related to the disease or condition causing it | | |
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| *This does not mean the mode of dying, e.g. heart failure, respiratory failure. It means the disease, injury, or complication that caused death. | | |

Question 2

A 62-year-old hypertensive patient for the last 20 years was admitted to the surgical casualty ward with severe abdominal pain and vomiting. She was diagnosed as having strangulated femoral hernia with a bowel perforation. She underwent surgery to release the hernia and resect the intestine, with an end-to-end anastomosis. Two days after the surgery she developed signs of peritonitis and she died 2 days later.

Complete the below Medical Certificate of Cause of Death (MCCD).

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| I | | |
| Disease or condition directly leading to death* | (a) due to (or as a consequence of) | |
| Antecedent causes | | |
| Morbid conditions, if any, giving rise to the above cause, stating the underlying condition last | (b) due to (or as a consequence of) | |
| | (c) due to (or as a consequence of) | |
| | (d) | |
| II | | |
| Other significant conditions contributing to the death, but not related to the disease or condition causing it | | |
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Question 3

A 68-year-old man dies from cerebral haemorrhage 2 days after its onset. This resulted from secondary hypertension, which he had for the last six months. The hypertension was secondary to chronic pyelonephritis, which he had for the last 1 year. He also had a prostatic adenoma for the last 6 years.

Complete the below Medical Certificate of Cause of Death (MCCD).

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| Antecedent causes Morbidity conditions, if any, giving rise to the above cause, stating the underlying condition last | (b) due to (or as a consequence of) | |
| | (c) due to (or as a consequence of) | |
| | (d) | |
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Question 4

A 55-year-old man presented at a clinic with a long history of haemoptysis and weight loss. The diagnosis was advanced pulmonary tuberculosis, re-activation type with cavitations, approximately of 9 years duration. The patient also suffered from generalized arteriosclerosis, probably of long duration. Immediately after the admission, the patient had an acute and massive pulmonary haemorrhage and died about 2 hours later.

Complete the below Medical Certificate of Cause of Death (MCCD).

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|--|--|--|
| I Disease or condition directly leading to death* | (a) due to (or as a consequence of) | |
| Antecedent causes Morbidity conditions, if any, giving rise to the above cause, stating the underlying condition last | (b) due to (or as a consequence of) | |
| | (c) due to (or as a consequence of) | |
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