

## Provisional Agenda & Preparatory Notes

### Medical certification of cause of death (MCCD) training-of-trainers workshop

### 27-28 February 2023, Nadi, Fiji

#### **Objectives**

- Provide training for physicians and training-of-trainers (ToT) on medical certification of cause of death
- Discuss and identify regional and individual country needs for support in technical areas to strengthen cause of death data
- Assist participants to build proficiency in key skills required to conduct national training

#### **Workshop design and materials**

Participants will be required to bring to the workshop:

- A copy of the forms for the medical certification of deaths [Adult, child, perinatal deaths] currently used in your country
- Laptop
- Materials downloaded at link <https://sdd.spc.int/events/2023/02/regional-training-workshop-mccd>
- Completed needs assessment questionnaire/survey

The workshop will include a mixture of:

- Experts' presentations
- Individual and group exercises using medical case vignettes scenarios from MCCD certification work and answer books
- Group discussions and feedback
- Group presentations

#### **Provisional agenda**

Day 1: Monday 27 February 2023	
Time	Topic
08:00-08:30	Registration
08:30-09:00	Welcome and opening remarks- Statistics for Development Division, SPC Introduction of workshop participants & facilitators Course Introduction, De-freezing
09:00-09:30	<i>Pre-test MCCD questions</i>
09:30-10:00	Importance of medical certification of cause of death Quality of cause of death certification – globally
10:00-10:30	<b>Group Photo and Morning tea break</b>
10:30-11:00	Cause of death and the concept of underlying cause of death International form of the medical certificate of cause death (MCCD) Review MCCD formats brought by country participants
11:00-11:30	Case examples to explain parts of the MCCD

	General guidelines for completing the MCCD
11:30-12:00	Uses of cause of death data Common errors in certification
12:00-13:00	<b>Lunch Break</b>
13:00-14:30	Guidelines for certifying specific causes/conditions: neoplasms, surgical procedures, pregnancy and maternal deaths, hypertension, diabetes mellitus, infectious & parasitic diseases
14:30-15:00	Certifying External causes, medico-legal cases
15:00-15:30	<b>Afternoon tea Break</b>
15:30-16:00	Practice exercises using case scenarios (using MCCD work & Answer books)
16:00-16:30	Review and Wrap up (Day1)

Day 2: Tuesday 28 February 2023	
Time	Topic
08:00-08:30	Registration
08:30-09:00	Practice exercises using case scenarios (using MCCD work & Answer books) cont'd
09:00-10:00	Medical certification quality assessment tools
10:00-10:30	<b>Morning tea break</b>
10:30-11:00	Development of master trainers: adult training principles
11:00-11:30	Development of master trainers: steps for successful training
11:30-12:00	<i>Post-test MCCD questions</i>
12:00-13:00	<b>Lunch Break</b>
13:00-13:30	Practice training sessions
13:30-14:00	Resources for training
14:00-15:00	<i>Group discussion and feedback:</i> Developing action plans to improve medical certification: e.g. clinical mortality review committee, quality assurance procedures, in-country, hospital, or regional training programs schedules, etc.
15:00-15:30	<b>Afternoon tea Break</b>
15:30-16:00	Workshop evaluation, Participant Feedback Closing remarks
16:00-16:30	Certificate ceremony

### **Expected Outcomes**

On completion of the training in medical certification of cause of death training-of-trainers, the participants should be able to:

- Explain the importance of correct medical certification of cause of death in producing accurate reliable cause of death statistics.
- Distinguish between the main condition in hospital discharge notes and the underlying cause of death (UCOD)
- Describe and apply the concept of UCOD and the sequence of events leading to death.
- Correctly complete the International Form of Medical Certificate of Cause of Death
- Demonstrate the skills needed to train trainees and other doctors, in correct medical certification of cause of death practices

### **Relevant resources**

**Electronic copies of the following resources, tools and technical guides will be uploaded on the Workshop webpage at <https://sdd.spc.int/events/2023/02/regional-training-workshop-mccd>**

- [Regional Medical Death Certification Workshop Report](#) - Tonga. SPC & BAG. 2018
- [Curriculum on medical certification of cause of death for Pacific Island countries and territories](#). SPC & BAG. 2021.
- Handbook for doctors on cause of death certification. Bloomberg Philanthropies Data for Health Initiative. 2019.
- Medical certification of cause of death: Facilitator's guide. Bloomberg Philanthropies Data for Health Initiative. 2019.
- Medical certification of cause of death: Quick reference guide. Bloomberg Philanthropies Data for Health Initiative.
- Assessing the quality of death certificates: Rapid Assessment tool. Bloomberg Philanthropies Data for Health Initiative. 2020.
- Death Certificate Assessment Tool (Excel version). Bloomberg Philanthropies Data for Health Initiative. 2020
  - Death certificate assessment tool (Excel version): User guide. 2020.
- [Implementing Medical Certification for Cause of Death in the CRVS System](#). Vital Strategies. 2021.