

Expected Death in the Home (EDITH) Protocol- Community Paramedicine

	Expected death with EDITH completed	Expected death with DNR only and PCOT physician in place	Death is NOT expected, no planning or DNR in place	Expected death with DNR and/or EDITH in place BUT unexpected circumstances leading to death in the home
EDITH	Completed	None	None	Completed
DNR & DNR-C	Completed	Completed	None	Completed
Action required	Follow plan in EDITH and call PCOT physician	Confirm plan with family (if applicable), contact PCOT physician to confirm plan. If unable to contact PCOT physician call the coroner's office	Call 911 as no DNR is in place. If family do not want resuscitation inform the transporting unit immediately upon arrival	Call 911 as unexpected circumstances have lead to the death. Complete a Community Paramedicine Incident Report.
Pronouncement of death	Community Paramedic pronounces death via patch with the PCOT physician	Community Paramedic pronounces death via patch with the PCOT physician	Transporting unit consults with base hospital physician for termination of resuscitation (TOR)	
Transfer to funeral home	Complete section 4 of EDITH form. Family or Community Paramedic calls funeral home	If EDITH is not completed, CP to consult with family to determine funeral home. Funeral home is then notified by family or CP	Coroner is contacted by transporting unit or police and arrangements are made for transport of body to the funeral home	<p>*Note: for patients without a caregiver to assume responsibility for the deceased, the Coroner is contacted. In this situation the physician can not sign the death certificate.</p>
Completion of Medical Death Certificate	PCOT physician completes electronic certificate of death within 24 hours	PCOT physician completes electronic certificate of death within 24 hours	Coroner signs death certificate	

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