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# HCHS/SOL Physician Questionnaire

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Decedent's Name: _____ Age: ____ Date of Birth: ___/___/____ Date of Death: ___/___/____	
EVENT ID: <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	Sequence Number: <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> Physician's Name _____

Please complete the following and return in the enclosed envelope.

## A. MEDICAL HISTORY

1. Are you familiar with the decedent's medical history?

Yes

No

If **No**, skip to Item 5 on Page 3.

2. When did you last see the decedent? .....

		-				
Month			Year			

3. Did the decedent have a history of any of the following?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Uncertain</u>
a. Angina pectoris or coronary insufficiency ...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Valvular disease or cardiomyopathy .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Coronary bypass surgery .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Coronary angioplasty .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Hypertension .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Myocardial infarction .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

g. If MI **Yes**, date of most recent event:

		-				
Month			Year			

3. (cont'd) Did the decedent have a history of any of the following?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Uncertain</u>
h. Other chronic ischemic heart disease:....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i. Stroke (CVA):.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

j. If Yes, date of most recent event:   -      
 Month      Year

k. Any non-cardiac condition that might have contributed to this death:      Yes      No      Uncertain  
           

If Yes, specify: \_\_\_\_\_

l. Diabetes: .....      Yes      No      Uncertain  
           

m. Cigarette smoking: .....                 

4. Was the decedent taking any of the following medications within four weeks prior to death?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Uncertain</u>
a. Nitrates .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Calcium channel blockers .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Digitalis .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Beta-blockers .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d.1. Aspirin .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d.2. ACE or Angiotensin II inhibitors .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Other cardiovascular drugs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If Yes, specify: \_\_\_\_\_

## B. DETAILS OF DEATH

5. Are you familiar with the events surrounding the decedent's death?

Yes  No

6. Did you witness the death?

Yes  No

If you answered **No** to both 5 & 6,  
skip to Item 14 on page 4.  
Otherwise, continue with Item 7.

7.a. Was there any pain in the chest, left arm or shoulder or jaw  
within 72 hours of death?

Yes  No  Uncertain

If **No** or **Uncertain**, skip to item 8

b. Did the pain include the chest?

Yes  No  Uncertain

c. Did you think this pain was of a cardiac origin?

Yes  No  Uncertain

If **No**, specify what you think was the cause:

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8. Did the decedent take (or was he/she given) nitrates  
at the time of the acute episode?

Yes  No  Uncertain

9. Was coronary reperfusion (intravenous or intracoronary streptokinase or  
TPA, angioplasty, etc.) attempted during the acute episode?

Yes  No  Uncertain

10. Was CPR and/or cardioversion performed within 24 hours of death?

Yes  No  Uncertain

11. Please give time between onset of acute symptoms to death. (We are defining death as the point where spontaneous breathing ceased and the patient never recovered.)

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> More than 3 days (A)                          | <input type="checkbox"/> At least 1 hour, (F)<br>but less than 4 hours |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 - 3 days (B)                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Less than 1 hour (G)                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 day (C)                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Death instantaneous,(H)<br>no symptoms        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> At least 12 hours, but less than 24 hours (D) | <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown (I)                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> At least 4 hours, but less than 12 hours (E)  |  |

12. Would you classify the decedent's cause of death as due to CHD?

- Yes      No      Uncertain
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13. If No, what do you believe to be the cause of death?

- |                              | <u>Yes</u>               | <u>No</u>                | <u>Uncertain</u>         |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| a. Pulmonary embolism .....  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b. Acute pulmonary edema ... | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c. Stroke .....              | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d. Pneumonia .....           | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e. Other .....               | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Specify: \_\_\_\_\_

**C. SIGNATURE**

14. Form completed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature

15. Date:   --   --

Month                  Day                  Year

**Thank you very much for your help. Please return this questionnaire in the enclosed self-addressed envelope.**

OFFICE USE ONLY: 16. Self (A)\_\_\_ Interview (B)\_\_\_ E.R. records (C) \_\_