

Leamington Mennonite Home
Long Term Care

POLICY AND PROCEDURE

CATEGORY: Nursing	SUBJECT: Coroner Procedure	SECTION: C
DATE: August 1991	Administrator: <u>J. M.</u>	POLICY: 8
REVISION DATES: March 2013	Director of Care: <u>Cheryl Allick</u>	

CORONER PROCEDURE

POLICY:

Coroners investigations will automatically be conducted if the death is a threshold case, sudden or unexpected death or in the event that an investigation is requested by family members.

PROCEDURE:

1. In the event of a resident's death, the Registered Staff will determine if it is a threshold case. If the Coroner is required, the Registered Staff will call the designated telephone number from the Chief Coroner's office. You will need the resident's name, date of birth, time of death and address of the Home to give them. They will dispatch a coroner. Notify the Home's physician of the death. The resident should be left untouched until after the Coroner has pronounced.
2. If any questions are answered 'Yes' on the Institutional Patient Death Record, the Coroner must be called immediately.
3. If a resident passes away in hospital, it is the responsibility of the hospital to notify Registered Staff of the death and inquire whether it is a threshold case. The Registered Staff will document the death on the Death Registry.
4. The Registered Staff will ensure that all necessary paperwork is ready and accessible to the Coroner when he or she arrives.
5. Once the Coroner has completed his / her investigation, the care after death procedure may begin. See Policy & Procedure on Care After Death.
6. The Registered Staff will document in all necessary areas. See attached forms.