



# Workshop: Death Discussions

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# Question #1

- ▶ In your initial conversation with the informant, explain the manner in which you ask for the information about the deceased. How do you go about getting information from the informant with data quality in mind? How do you convey that the death certificate is an important legal document?

# Question #2

- ▶ Describe how funeral homes handle families who commit to Funeral Home A but end up having Funeral Home B take over responsibility?  
How do funeral homes claim ownership of the records in TER when they were started by another funeral home?

# Question #3

- ▶ How do you handle a situation where you are receiving conflicting information with the marital status?

# Question #4

- ▶ How does your funeral home handle a physician/medical certifier/justice of the peace who does not certify death certificates in a timely manner?

# Question #5

- ▶ For an accidental death, what precautions do you take if the body is to be cremated with regard to issuing a burial transit permit?

# Question #6

- ▶ Texas is a border state. Texas Funeral Homes send bodies to Mexico & other countries frequently. What issues do you encounter when doing so? What is required to ship a body out of Texas?

# Question #7

- ▶ What family signatures are required for disinterment? What does a funeral home do if they cannot get signatures to move a body?

# Question #8

- ▶ Who are the parties involved in filing a FETAL death certificate?
- ▶ What are a few circumstances in which a Medical Examiner or Justice of the Peace would determine the Cause of Death for a fetal death?

# Question #9

- ▶ Can a Midwife be a certifier for a Fetal Death Certificate?
- ▶ Can a birth certificate be requested?

Handbook on Fetal Death Registration

- ▶ <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/vs/field/Funeral-Home-Resources/>

# Question #10

- ▶ 1 year has passed since the death occurred and a death certificate was NOT filed. You need to file a court ordered delayed certificate of death. Where do you get the form from?

# Question #11

- ▶ The TxEVER System will replace TER on January 1, 2018. What suggestions do you have that could make this system better?

# References

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Thank you for attending this session!