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Dear Colleagues,

The Vic-SI Long-term Care Initiative (LTCI) in collaboration with the South Island Long-term Care (LTC) Medical Advisory Committee and the Island Health Long-term Care Quality Council have developed the [Pronouncement of Death in LTC Recommendations & MRP Notification of Death Form](#). **This form was developed to streamline care home communication with MRPs and provide a consistent approach to the pronouncement of death in LTC.** We hope you will find this form useful and spread it widely. In addition, the BC Coroners Service have compiled a FAQ, [Working with the Coroner](#) to support decision-making on when to report a death to the Coroner.

**How is the form used?**

- Nursing staff can use the *Recommendations* page as an adjunct to their facility policies and procedures for care after a resident death, to aid in decision-making regarding nurse pronouncement of death, and when to report a death to the Coroner.
- Nursing staff should complete the *MRP Notification of Death* form and fax to the MRP as soon as reasonably possible following the death. This will allow the MRP to complete the Medical Certificate of Death within the required 48-hour time-frame.

Warmly,

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