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Death certification is a process that integrates clinical, circumstantial and death scene information, autopsy findings, and other laboratory findings. It is the position of NAME that death certification is the practice of medicine and as such should be performed only by licensed physicians. Specifically, it is the position of NAME that the forensic pathologist directing a medicolegal death investigation should be responsible for determining the cause and manner of death for that case and recording the findings on the death certificate.

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