



## CAUSE OF DEATH CERTIFICATE WORKSHOP (QLD)

12 JULY 2024 - VIRTUAL (ONLINE VIA ZOOM)

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### *Course Overview*

#### **Aim**

This program increases doctors' understanding of Cause of Death Certificates in Queensland. It examines the legislation surrounding reporting cause of death, a guided tour of the Cause of Death Certificate, and interactive workshops. Participants can increase their confidence in completing Cause of Death Certificates and improve their understanding of when and how to report to the Coroner as well as situations when a Cause of Death Certificate should not be written.

#### **Learning Outcomes**

Participants will:

1. Produce an accurate cause of death certificate that follows a logical progression or sequence of disease processes.
2. Identify which deaths are to be reported to a coroner.
3. Demonstrate how to report a death to a coroner.
4. Determine when a cause of death certificate can be issued where natural causes is the probable cause of death.

#### **Who should attend?**

Health care professionals who work in Queensland. If you do not work in Queensland, please contact us prior to registering to attend.

#### **Location/Venue**

Virtual – online via Zoom. Instructions are sent to attendees after registration.

#### **Fees**

AUD \$300 ACLM members (inc. GST) | AUD \$400 Non-members (inc. GST)

#### **Cancellation Policy**

A refund less \$100 administration fee will be provided for all cancellations received at least 14 days prior to the course start date. Any cancellations after this point will be non-refundable.



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### *Pre- and Post-course Activities*

A recommendation of time required is provided as a guide. CPD hours are allocated in accordance with these times. Pre- and post-course activities are emailed directly to the attendee.

#### **Pre-course Activity – 1 hour recommended**

The pre-course activity should be returned via email 1 week prior to the course.

#### **Post-course Activity – 1 hour recommended**

The post-course activity should be returned via email 1 week following the course.

### *CPD Information*

#### **ACLM CPD Program recognition:**

7.5 hours, Relevant to Legal or Forensic Medicine

#### **CPD home submissions:**

The following allocations are suggested by ACLM and will be shown on the attendance certificate. It is up to the attendee to check that the activity meets their own CPD home's requirements and to allocate the activity type according to their CPD home's guidelines.

Educational Activity: 2.5 hours

Reviewing Performance: 5 hours (-2 hours if pre- and post-course activities not submitted)

Total: 7.5 hours (adjusted as per above depending on pre/post-course activities)

#### **Program Level Requirements met:**

- Maintaining and developing professionalism
- Maintaining and developing ethical practice

#### **RACGP CPD Program recognition:**

This Activity No. 407498 has been allocated 7.5 CPD hours in the RACGP 2023-25 CPD Program. If you have any concerns about this activity, you may submit a [GP Feedback form](#) to the RACGP.

#### **Adjustments to allocated hours:**

The pre- and post-course activities are optional for all attendees, however your Certificate of Completion will show adjusted CPD hours if you did not submit the activities.



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**The program times below are listed as Australian Eastern Standard Time.**

Please check and ensure you join at the correct time for your location.

WA Start - 7:30am (AWST)

SA/NT Start - 9:00am (ACST)

**QLD/NSW/VIC Start - 9:30am (AEST)**

NZ Start - 11:30am (NZST)

Time	Session	Speaker
9:00 am (AEST)	Registration	
9:30 am	<b>Welcome</b> – 5 minutes	
9:35 am	<b>Reporting Medical Cause of Death: The Legislation</b> – 30 minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Purpose of a Medical Cause of Death Certificate</li><li>The Legislation:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Births, Deaths and Marriages Act 2003 (Qld)</li><li>- Cremations Ac 2003 (Qld)</li><li>- Transplantation and Anatomy Act 1979 (Qld)</li><li>- Coroners Act 2003 (Qld)</li></ul></li><li>Defining the roles of the Police, the Coroner, the Health Ombudsman, the Funeral Home &amp; Crematoria</li></ul>	
10:05 am	<b>Healthcare Related Death</b> – 45 minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>What is a reportable death?</li><li>What is a health care related death?</li><li>Reporting a possible healthcare related death (Form 1A)</li></ul>	Coroner
10:50 am	Morning Tea – 20 minutes	
11:10 am	<b>Guided Tour of the Medical Cause of Death Certificate (Form 9)</b> – 30 minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Requirements of the medical practitioner to complete a certificate</li><li>Elements of the certificate</li><li>Formulating an opinion</li><li>Describing the disease or condition that directly led to death</li><li>Constructing a causative chain of events leading to death</li><li>Capturing reportable deaths</li><li>Cremation risks</li></ul>	
11:40 am	<b>A call from Police, or a call from the Coroner</b> – 30 minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Review pathway of apparent natural causes deaths where attending police have been unable to obtain a completed Form 9</li><li>The role of the Forensic Physician in Queensland</li></ul>	
12:10 pm	Lunch – 50 minutes	



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Time	Session	Speaker
1:00 pm	<b>Workshop: Session 1</b> – 90 minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Completion of Medical Cause of Death Certificates based on scenarios</li></ul>	
2:30 pm	<i>Afternoon tea – 15 minutes</i>	
2:45 pm	<b>Workshop: Session 2</b> – 90 minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Completion of Medical Cause of Death Certificates based on scenarios</li></ul>	
4:15 pm	<b>Final Q&amp;A / Concluding comments</b> – Up to 15 minutes	
4:30 pm	<i>Program close</i>	



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### *Teaching Faculty*



*Dr Adam Griffin - Senior Forensic Medicine, ACLM President*

Dr Adam Griffin is the current director of Queensland's Clinical Forensic Medicine Unit. He received a medical degree from the University of Queensland and a Masters in Forensic Medicine from Monash University. He is a Fellow of the Australasian College of Legal Medicine, foundation member of the Australasian Association of Forensic Physicians, and member of the Forensic and Clinical Toxicology Association. Dr Griffin enjoys study and research, educating others, playing tennis, recreational pursuits in IT and travel.



*Dr Gary Hall - Senior Forensic Medicine, FACLM*

Bio coming soon...



*Dr Katherine Robinson - Senior Forensic Medicine, FACLM*

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*Jessica Lambert - Coronial Registrar, Coroners Court of Queensland*

Jessica is the Coronial Registrar at the Coroners Court of Qld, with experience serving as an acting Magistrate performing the role of Coroner, since 2021. Admitted in 2006 and a co-author of Thomson Reuters publication- Queensland Civil Procedure, Jessica is also a nationally accredited mediator and inaugural Member of the National Sports Tribunal.