

Deaths Referred to the Coroner's Office

There are occasions when a death will have to be referred to the Coroner's office and may end in a post-mortem being carried out.

The main reasons to report a death are:-

- The patient dying within 24 hours of being admitted to hospital, (unless cause of death is known and no other referral reasons apply)
- A recent operation was performed
- Death from industrial disease
- Any suspicious, violent or un-natural death
- The doctor wishes to discuss the case
- Cause of death unknown

Reporting a death to the Coroner's office may not always result in a post mortem but if one is required, the Coroner's officer will contact the family to explain the reasons why. A post mortem will unfortunately delay the funeral service. (An approximate time scale will be advised by the Coroner's officers)

Once the post-mortem is completed, all paperwork can be collected, by appointment, directly from the Register office (the Coroner's officer will let the family know when it is ready)