

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
- Other reasons

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 will be sent to the Register Office and you will be telephoned to complete the registration (the Coroner's officer will let the family know when it is ready)