

Investigation into post mortem cardiac device interrogation

Request for Information

To garner a comprehensive understanding of the practices and data surrounding patients with cardiac devices, we kindly request the following information:

Q1	How many patients pass through your morgue each year? Clarified: we apologize for not being clear the time frame for the first question is in the last five years.	Approx 3500 each year
Q2	Approximately what proportion of these have a cardiac implantable device in situ? (PPM, ICD, ILR)	This information is not recorded, mortuary are alerted to the fact that a patient has an cardiac implantable device such that it is deactivated.
Q3	Does the hospital morgue also take deaths from the community, or is it for inpatients only?	No
Q4	Is there a cardiac physiology department on site at your hospital?	YES
Q5	If a patient has a cardiac device in situ, is it routine practice for a device check to be undertaken after death?	NO
Q6a	If yes, is the information regarding rhythm/therapies at the time of death routinely added to the patient's notes/hospital record?	Choose an item.
Q6b	If yes, is the information regarding rhythm/therapies at the time of death routinely passed on to the clinical team?	Choose an item.
Q7	If no and this is not routine practice, are there ever exceptions to this, i.e., occasions where a post-death device check is requested by the clinical team?	YES

Q8	If yes, please elaborate (for example, how often or under what circumstances this occurs).	Upon request from coroner
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We welcome any additional information or comments that might help in our investigation.

We appreciate your assistance and the time taken to provide this information. Your insights are invaluable.

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