

**COMPLETING THE MEDICAL CERTIFICATE AS TO  
THE CAUSE OF DEATH IN NON REPORTABLE  
HOSPITAL ACQUIRED INFECTION  
AND OTHER FATAL INFECTIONS.**

**If HAI is appearing on a medical certificate as to the cause of death it is by definition only where rules 7 and 8 over do not apply.**

**In such cases if the organism is known it should appear by name on the certificate.**

**If death is due to septicaemia please record the originating focus if known.**

**The positioning of the fact of hospital acquired infection on the medical certificate is dependent on whether it was the actual cause of death in which case it appears at 1A with the most significant pre existing comorbidity appearing at 1B and or 1C.**

**If the infection was considered significant but not the primary cause of death it may appear at II.**

**Terms such as palliative or end stage may appear on a medical certificate as to the cause of death if the use of such term clarifies the clinical situation further for the Registrar of Deaths.**

**Colonization such as with MRSA is not recordable.**

**The Coroner will assist with any queries in relation to the above on 086-2941446.**

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