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ብተደጋጋሚ ንዚሕተቱ ሕቶታት መልሲ

ሕጅ ኣብ ዘለኹም ኩነታት ኮይንኩም ነዚ ሰነድ ንምንባብ ከምትፀገሙ ንርዳእ። እዚ ሰነድ ኣብ ወቕቲ እዚ ኩነታት ክህልወኩም ንዝኸለሉ ንመብዛሕቲኡም ሕቶታት መልሲ ሓዘ ኣሎ። ንዘድልዩኹም ኣበሬታታት ቴሌፎናትን ገፅ-መርበባትንውን ክህበኩም እዩ።

ሰድራ ኣበላትን መሓዙትን ኣብ ውሽጢ ሆስፒታል ዝሞተ ሰብ ሕቶታት ክህልዎም ይኸእል። ድሕሪ ሞት ታይ ክፍጠር ከምዝኸእል ምፍላጥ ይደልዩ፤ ሰራሕተኛታት ሆስፒታልን ሰድራ ኣበላት መዋታይን ታይ ምግባር ከምዝደለዩን ንዘድልዩዎም ሃፍቲታት /ኣበሬታታት ከመይ ገይሮም ከምዝረኽቡ ምፍላጥ ይደልዩ።



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ጠንቂ ሞት እትፈትዎ ሰብን ክሳዕ ሞት ዝመርሖን እንታይ ምዃኑ ምፍላጥ ሓጋዛይ ክኸውን ይኸእል። ብዛዕባ እዚ ምስቲ እትፈትውዎ ሰብ ክከናኸን ንዝነበረ ሓኪም ክትዘራረቡ ነተባብዕ ። እቲ ሓኪም ብዛዕባ ከይዲ ኣመዋውታን ጠንቂ እቲ ሞት እንታይ ኪኸውን ከም ዚኸእልን ኣመልኪቱ ንዚለዓሉ ሕቶታት ክምልስ ይኸእል እዩ ።

ብእተኸለኩም መጠን ቀልጢፍኩም ንኣላዩት ሕመማት/ነርሲ ምስ ሓኪሙ ክትዘራረቡ ከም እትደሊ ንገሩዎ/ዎ። እቲ ሓኪም ኣብዚ እዋን እዚ ኣብ ሆስፒታል እንተ ዘየለ/ላ ኣላዩት ሕመማት/ነርሲ ብኸመይ ንዶክተራት ከም እትበጽሑም ክትነግረካ ትኸእል እያ።

ጠንቂ ሞት ክትፈልጡ እትኸእልሉ ኻልእ መገዲ መርመራ ሬሳ ምግባር እዩ ። ብዛዕባ መርመራ ሬሳ ዝያዳ ክትፈልጥ እንተ ደሊኹም ብኸብረትኩም ኣብ ገጽ 5ን 6ን ርኣዩ።

እትፈትውዎ ሰብ ክመውት እንከሎ ኣባላት ሰድራ እንታይ ምግባር ይደልዩ?

ኣባል ሰራሕተኛ ሆስፒታል ምስ ሰድራ ኣባላት መዋታይ ስዒቦም ብዘለው ጉዳያት ኪዘራረቡ ይኸእሉ።

- ተፈታዊ መዋታይ ክፍለ-ኣካል፣ቲሹን ዓይነን(ኮርኒያ) ለጋሳይ ክኸውን ምኽኣሉን ዘይምኽኣሉን ብዝምልከት ንምፍላጥ ምስ ትካላት ወፊያ ብሓባር ይሰርሑ።
- መርመራ ሬሳ ንክካየድ ምግባር

- ባጂላ ሞት ንኸሕተም ምስ ትካላት ኣባይት ቀብሪ ብሓባር ምስራሕ። ኣባላት ስድራ ቤት ወይካዓ ሕጋዊ ተወካሊ ናይቲ መዋታይ ከምዚ ዝስዕብ ብምባል ይውስኑ
- ተደሊዮም መርማራ ሬሳ ንኸግበር። እዚ ካዓ መዋታይ ካብ ዝመውት ድሕሪ ብርክት ዝበሉ መዓልቲታት ክኸውን ይኸእል፤ እዚ ጊና ቅድሚ ስነ-ስርዓት ቀብሪ ወይካዓ ግብአተ-መሬት ወይካዓ ሬሳ ምቅፃል ምክያዱ ክኸውን ይግባእ። ቆፃራ ኣብ ምግባር'ውን ሓደ ሓደ ጉዳያት ክህልው ይኸእሉ እዮም። ሓደ ሓደ ግዘ ካዓ መርመራ ሬሳ ምግባር ብሕገ ኣገዳሲ ክኸውን ከምዝኸእል ምልላይ ፅቡቕ እዩ(ንገፅ-5 ረአዩ)።
- ንሬሳ መዋታይ ስነ-ስርዓት ቀብሪ፣ ሬሳ ምንዳድ ወይካዓ ስነ-ስርዓት ግብአተ-መሬት ኣበይ ከምዝካየድ ምውሳኔ፡-እዚ ውሳኔ እዚ ድሕሪ ሞት እተወሰነ መዓልቲታት ኪግበር ይካእል እዩ ።

ገለ ኹብቲ ድሕሪ ሞት ኪዕየ ዘለዎ ሕጋዊ ዕዮታት ኣብ ውሽጢ መዝገብ ከይዲ ኣተሓዛዝና ተሓቢሩ ኣሎ። እቲ "ድሕሪ ሞት" ከምኡውን "ምውጣን ቀብሪ" ዘርእስቱ ጽሑፍ ብዛዕባ ረብሓታት ማሕበራዊ ውሕስነትን ናይ ህይወት መድሕንን ኑዛዘን ናይ ባንክ ሕሳብን እንታይ ክግበር ከምዘለዎ ይገልጽ። እታ"ንቕብሪ መደብ ምግባር" እትብል ብዛዕባ መረጃ ግልጋሎት ስነ-ስርዓት ቀብሪ ወይካዓ ሬሳ ምንዳድ መሰረታዊ ሓበሬታ ዝሓዘት እያ።

ኣብ ምቕባር ወይ ምንዳድ ሬሳ እንታይ ኢና ንገብር?

ኣብ ከባቢ ሲያትል ብዙሓት ናይ ቀብሪ ኣባይትን መቃጸሊ ሬሳታትን ኣለዉ። ገለ ሰባት ቤት ቀብሪ ወይ መቃጸሊ ሬሳ ዝመርፁ እቲ ቦታ ብዘለዎ ቅርበት ወይካዓ ካብ ቤተሰብ ወይ ፈተውቲ ብዝረኽቡዎ ምኽሪ ተመርኩሶም እዮም።

እዚ ሆስፒታል ናይ ቀብሪን ሬሳ ምንዳድን ኣገልግሎት ኣይህብን። ብዛዕባ ካልኣት ትካላት ቤት ቀብሪ ወይ ኣገልግሎቶም እውን ምኽሪ ኣይንህብን ። ጊና ውሳኔ ንኸትወስዱ ዝሕግዙኹም ሓበሬታታት/ፍልፍላት ንህብ ኢና። በጃኹም ኣብቲ ናይ ሓዘን ፓኬት "ምውጣን ቀብሪ" ዝብል ጽሑፍ ርአዩ።

ብዛዕባ ስነ ስርዓት ግብአተ-መሬት፣ ቀብሪ፣ ወይካዓ ምሕራር ሬሳ ምስ ወሰንኩም፡ ስም ናይቲ ቤት ቀብሪ ወይ መቃጸሊ ሬሳ ኢዝኩም ደውሉልና።

- **ንትሓክምቲ ማእኸል ሕክምና ዩኒቨርሲቲ ዋሽንግተን**
 - ንቕብሊት ብ 206.598.431 ወይካዓ ን ደሕሪ-ሞት ኣገልግሎት ብ 206.598.4205 ደውሉ።
 - ሰራሕተኛታት ቤት ቀብሪ ወይ መቃጸሊ ሬሳ እውን ናብ ማእኸል ሕክምና ዩኒቨርሲቲ ዋሽንግተን ክፍሊ ቕብሊት ወይ ድሕሪ ሞት ኣገልግሎት ደዊሎም ነቲ ሬሳ ንምግዓዝ ምድላዎት ክገብሩ እዮም።
 - ናይ ማእኸል ሕክምና ዩኒቨርሲቲ ዋሽንግተን ሰራሕተኛ ማሕበራዊ ግልጋሎትን ኣተሓባባሪ ክንክንን ወይካዓ ድሕሪ-ሞት ኣገልግሎት ኣብ ፍሉያት ጉዳያት፤ከም ሬሳ ካብ ስቴት- ስቴት ወይካዓ ሃገር ምግዓዝ ወይካዓ ቀጥታዊ ኣገልግሎት ምሕራር ሬሳ ኣብ ምርካብ ክሕግዙኹም እዮም።
- **ንትሓክምቲ ማእኸል ሕክምና ሃርበርቪው**
 - ን ኣገልግሎት ድሕሪ-ሞት ብ 206.744.3078 ደውሉ።
 - ነቲ ሬሳ ንምግዓዝ ምድላዎት ንምግባር ሰራሕተኛታት ቤት ቀብሪ ወይ መቃጸሊ ሬሳ ናብ ማእኸል ሕክምና ዩኒቨርሲቲ ዋሽንግተን ድሕሪ ሞት ኣገልግሎት ቴሌፎን ክድውሉ እዮም።

ብቐጥታ ሬሳ ምንዳድ/ምሕራር እንታይ እዩ?

ብቐጥታ ምንዳድ ሬሳ ከበሃል እንከፈሎ እቲ ሬሳ ቐድሚ ምንዳዱ ብመድሃኒት ሬሳ ኣይዕቀብን ወይ ብዝኸነ ይኹን መገዲ ቐርቂ ንክህልዎ ኣይዳሎን ማለት እዩ። ስርዓተ-ቀበሪ ወይካዓ ዝክረ- ሞት ግን ከካየድ ይክእል። ብዛዕባ ቐጥታ ምንዳድ ሬሳ ዝያዳ ንምፍላጥ ክሪሚኔሽን ሰርቪስስ “Cremation Services” ንዝተባል ኣብ ኢንተርኔት ርኣዩ።

ንቤት ቀበሪ ክፍሊት ምኽፋል እንተዘይክኣልናኹ?

ንንዘብ ዜተሓሳስበኩም እንተኹይኑ ብዛዕባ ትሑት ዋጋ ዘለዎም ቤት ቐበሪ ምስ ሓደ ማሕበራዊ ሰራሕተኛ ክትዘራረቡ ሕተቱ።

ኣካላት እቲ እንፍቅሮ ሰብ ንስነ-ፍልጠት ክንውፊ ንደሊ እንተደኣ ኮይናኹ?

ንኣካላትና(ሬሳ) ንስነ-ፍልጠታዊ ዕላማ ምውፋይ ኣብ እተወሰነ ኹነታት ጥራይ እዩ ኺግበር ዚከኣል። እቲ ኣብ ዩኒቨርሲቲ ዋሽንግተን ኣብ ክፍሊ ስነ-ህይወታዊ መዋቕር (ቐርጺ) ዝርከብ ፕሮግራም ውፊያ ኣካል ንገሊኡ ጥራይ እዩ ዝቐበል።

እቲ ፕሮግራም ንኣካላት(ሬሳ) ነፍቅሮ ሰብ ወፊያ ክቐበል ምዃኑን ዘይምዃኑን ንምፍላጥ ስድራ ቤታት ኣብ እዋን ስራሕ ካብ 8:00 a.m. ክሳብ 4:30 p.m. ኣብ ዘሎ ሰዓት ብ 206.543.1860 ክትድውሉ ኣለኩም። እቲ ወፊያ ቐልጢፉ ኺግበር ስለ ዘለዎ ስድራ ቤታት ድሕሪ ሞት ብእተኻእለን መጠን ቀልጢፊን ነቲ መደብ ወፊያ ኣካላት/ሬሳ ክድውላ ኣለወን ።

እቲ ወፊያ ተቐባልነት እንተ ዘይረኺቡ እቲ ስድራቤት ንኣካላት/ሬሳ ዘፍቅሩም ሰብ ንምክንኻን ካልእ ምድላዎት ክገብሩ ኣለዎም። እቲ መደብ ወፊያ ኣካል ኣገልግሎት መርመራ ሬሳ ኣይህብን።

ሬሳኹም ንምውፋይ ተደሊኹም ቐድሚ ምሟትኩም ብሂወት እናሃለኹም ክተመልክቱ ይግባእ። ዝያዳ ክትፈልጡ እንተደሊኹም ን <https://www.uwmedicine.org/school-of-medicine/about/willed-body-program> ተወከሱ።

ኣብ ስነ ፍልጠት ኣበርክቶ/ወፊያ ንገብረሉ እንክእል ኻልእ መገዲ ካዓ ነቲ ክፍሊ ስነ ቐርጺ መርመራ ሬሳ ንክገብር ፍቓድ ምሕታት እዩ ። መርመራ ሬሳ ንሓካይም፣ ንተምሃሮ ሕክምና፣ ነቶም ኣብ ክሊኒካዊ ሕክምናን ሕማምን ንዝስልጥኑ ሰባት ከምኡውን ንኻልኣት ኣለይቲ ክንክን ጥዕናን ተምሃሮን ስልጠና ይህቦም ኢዩ ።

ዋህዮታት/ቲሹ ሓንጎል መዋታይ ስድራ ኣባልና ክንውፊ እንተ ደሊናኹ?

ኣበርክቶ/ወፊያ ሬሳ ሕይወት ንምድሓን ዓብይ ግደ ከምዝገወት ብርክት ዝበሉ ሰባት ይፈልጡ እዮም። ኣበርክቶ ዋህዮታት/ቲሹ ሓንጎል ዘለዎ ረብሓ ዝፈልጡ ጊና ውሕዳት እዮም። ፀገም ጥዕና ሓንጎል ካብ ዘለዎምን ካብ ዘይብሎምን ሰባት ዝርከብ ሓንጎል ክሊቲኦም ንስነ-ፍልጠት መፅናዕቲ ማዕረ ረብሓ ኣለዎም።

እዚኦም ወፊያታት ተመራመርቲ ኣብ መንጎ ንቡር ሓንጎልን እቶም ብኒውሮሚደጅንሬሽን (ኣብ ሓንጎል ዝርከቡ ፍሉይት ዋህዮታት ምጥፋእ) ዝተጠቐዑን ወይካዓ ብከቢድ/ዘስካሕክሕ ሓደጋ ዝተጠቐዑን ፍልልይ ንክፈልጡ ይሕግዞም።

ኣብ ክፍሊ ላቦራቶሪ ሕክምናን ፓቶሎጂን/ስነ-መፅናዕቲ ቲሹ ዝርከብ ባዮሪፖዚቶሪን ኢንተግሬትድ ኒውሮፓቶሎጂ (BRain) ላቦራቶሪ ንተመራመርቲ ሕክምና ዝኸውን ቲሹታት ሓንጎል ይእክብ። እዚኦም ተመራመርቲ ሓንጎል ስርሑ ብከመይ ከምዝሰርሑ የፀንዑ። ስድራ-ኣባላት ብዛዕባቲ ካብ ሓንጎል ዝፈትውዎ ሰብ ዝተገበረ መፅናዕቲ ውፅኢ/ፀብጻብ ክረኽቡዮም።

ንዋህዮ/ቲሹ ሓንጎል መዋታይ ንምውፋይ ስድራ ኣባላት ምስ ላቦራቶሪ ባዮሪፖዚቶሪን ኢንተግሬትድ ኒውሮፓቶሎጂን (BRain) ምድላዎት ክግበሩ ኣለዎም። ዝተረፈ ክፋል ሬሳ ንምውፋይ ድማ ምስ ፕሮግራም ልገሳ ክፍሊ ኣካል ክዘራረቡ ይግባእ። ዝያዳ ክትፈልጡ እንተደሊኹም ነዚ ርኣዩ <https://dlmp.uw.edu/research-labs/keene/braindonation> ።

ሓደ ሰብ ብዛዕባ ምልጋስ ኣካላትን ቲሹን ምሳና ክዛረብ ድዩ?

ቀፅሪታት ማእኸል ሕክምና ዩኒቨርሲቲ ዋሽንግተን ኣብ ከባቢኡ ምስዝርከቡ ትካላት ወፊያ/ልገሳ ክፍሊ ኣካል ብሓባር ይሰርሑ። እዚአም ትካላት ን ላይፍ ሴንተር ኖርዝዌስት፣ላይፍ ሄልዝ ኖርዝዌስትን ሳይት ላይፍን የካትት።ኣብ ሆስፒታል ዘጋጥም ኩሉ ሞት ነዘን ትካላት ንነግረን ኢና።

ሓደ ሰብ ኣካል፡ ቲሹ ወይ ኮርኒያ/ዓይኒ ለጋሲ ክኸውን ይኸእል ድዩ ኣይክእልን ኣብ ምውሳን ብዙሓት ጉዳያት ኣብ ግምት ይኣትዉ። እቲ ሕሙም፡-

- ናይ ቲሹ ወይ ኮርኒያ/ዓይኒ ለጋሲ ክኸውን እንተኸኢሉ ፡- ምስ ሕጋዊ ቀረባ ዘመዱ ብዛዕባ ወፊያ ክንዘራረብ ኢና። ድሕሪ ሞቱ ኣብ ውሽጢ ቁፋብ ሰዓታት ምስዚ ሰብ/ዘመድ ክንራኽብ ኢና።
- ናይ ክፍሊ-ኣካል /ኦርጋን ለጋሲ ክኸውን እንተኸኢሉ፡-ቅድሚ ደገፍ መተንፈሲ ማሽን ምቁራፁ/ ደው ምባሉ ምስ ሕጋዊ ቀረባ ዘመዱ ብዛዕባ ወፊያ ግድን ክንዘራረብ ኣለና።

እቲ ተሓካማይ ቀደም ዝተመዘገበ ለጋሲ/ወፋይ እንተኸይኑ ብዛዕባ ወፊያ ምስ ስድራ ኣባላት ክንዘራረብ እንከለና ክነፍልጣ/ጣ ኢና።

ብዛዕባ ወፊያ ዝያዳ ልምፍላጥ ኣባላት ስድራ ኣብ ትሕቲ "ትካላት ልገሳ ክፍሊ-ኣካል/ኦርጋን፣ቲሹን ኮርኒያ/ዓይኒን " ካብ ዝቐረቡ ኤጀንሲታት ነቲ ሓደ ምድዋል ይኸእሉ እዮም።

መርመራ ሬሳ እንታይ እዩ?

መርመራ ሬሳ ሓደ ሓደ ግዘ ድሕሪ ሞት ዝግበር ሕክምና መሰርሕ እዩ። ጠንቂ ሞት ንምርካብ ይሕግዝ እዩ። ነቲ ጠንቂ ናይቲ ሕሙም ምልክታት ዝፈጠረ ሕግምውን ንምፍላጥ ክሕግዝ ይኸእልዮ። መርመራ ሬሳ ብፍሉይ ስልጠና ፓቶሎጂ (መጽናዕቲ ሕግም) ዘለዎ ሓኪም ይግበር።

ሓደ ተሓካማይ ክመውት እንክሎ መርመራ ሬሳ ንኸግበር ግልጋሎት ነቐርብ። ንመርመራ ሬሳ ዝምልከት ንስድራቤት ዝኾነ ይኹን ክፍሊት የለን። መርመራ ሬሳ ስድራ ኣባላት መዋታይ ዝመተሉ ምክንያትን ናይቲ ሕግም እንታይነትን ብዝበለፀ ንኸፈልጡውን ይሕግዝ። እቲ ውጽኢት መርመራ ሬሳ ንወሃብቲ ክንክን ጥዕና ንምምሃር እውን ክሕግዝ ይኸእል እዩ። ከምኡውን ከይዲ ሕክምናን መርመራታትን ካልኣት ሕሙማት ንኸክመሓየሽ ክሕግዝ ይኸእል።መርመራ ሬሳ ንኸግበር፡ ካብቲ ብሕጊ ዋሽንግተን ስቴት ፍቓድ ዝተዋህበ ሰብ መርመራ ሬሳ ንኸንገብር ፍቓድ ክንረከብ ኣለና። እዚ ሰብ "ፈቓድ መርመራ ሬሳ ሕክምና ዩኒቨርሲቲ ዋሽንግተን " ንዝብል ቅጥዒ ክመልእ ኣለዎ። ብፌርማኡ ድማ ክረጋገፀ ኣለዎ። እዚ ቅጥዒ እዚ ብመሰረት ሕጊ ዋሽንግተን ስቴት ንመርመራ ሬሳ ፍቓድ ክህቡ ፍቓድ ዘለዎም ዝርዝር ኩሎም ሰባት ብቐድም ሰዓብ ይሕብር ። እቲ ፍቓድ ብተሌፎን እውን ክወሃብ ይኸእል እዩ።

"መርመራ ሬሳ" ዝብል ዶክሜንት ብዛዕባ ኣካይድኡ/መሰርሒ ብስፍሓት ይህብር።ኣብ ውሽጢ ከይዲ ኣተሓዛዝና ኣብ ዝብል ጥራዝ/ፓኬት ትረኽቡዎ ኢኹም። ዝያዳ ልምፍላጥ ንመርመራ ሬሳን ኣገልግሎት ድሕሪ-ሞትን ደውሉ(ቴሌፎኖም ኣብ 1-800-562-3792)።

መርመራ ሬሳ ኣብ ዘይተሓተተሉ እዋን ተገይሩ ይፈልጥ ድዩ?

ብመሰረት ሕጊ ዋሽንግተን ውሳኔ ንኸህብ ዝተወከለ ኣካል መርመራ ሬሳ ንኸግበር ክሳዕ ዘይፈቐደ ኣብ ቀፅሪ ሕክምና ዩኒቨርሲቲ ዋሽንግተን መርመራ ሬሳ ኣይግበርን።

ብሰንኪ ዓይነት ሞት ወይ ብዛዕባ እቲ ሞት ዝገልጽ ዝርዝር ሓበሬታ መርመራ ሬሳ ብሕጊ ክድለ ይኸእል እዩ። እዚ ድማ ብሰንኪ ልዕሊ ዓቕን መድሃኒት ዝመጽእ ሞት፡ መጉዳእትን ሓዲጋን የጠቓልል።

ዝርዝር ናይዚ እም ዓይነት ሞታት ናብ ቤት ፅሕፈት መርመራቲ ኪንግ ካውንቲ (KCME) ሪፖርት ንክንገብር ብሕጊ ንግደድ። እቲ ሕክምናዊ መርመራ እንተተሳተፉ መርመራ ሬሳ ኣብ ቤት ፅሕፈት መርመራ ኪንግ ካውንቲ (KCME) ክካየድ ይኽእል።

ኣብ ቤት ፅሕፈት መርመራ ኪንግ ካውንቲ (KCME) ዝርከቡ ፓቶሎጂስታት/ሓካይምን ኣፅነዕቲን ሕማትን መርመራ ሬሳ ክግበር ኣለዎ ኢሎም እንተ ወሲኖም፣ እቲ ሕጊ መርመራ ሬሳ ክገብሩ ይፈቐዱሎም። ፈቓድ ስድራ ቤት ኣይፅበዩን። ይኹንዳምበር ቤት ፅሕፈት መርመራ ኪንግ ካውንቲ (KCME) ብዛዕባ ኣድላይነት መርመራ ሬሳ ንስድራ ኣባላት ፀዊዑ ከዘራርብ ይኽእል።

ብቤት ፅሕፈት መርመራቲ ሕክምና ኪንግ ካውንቲ (KCME) ዝግበር መርመራ ሬሳ ክፍሊት የብሉን። ናብ ቤት ፅሕፈት መርመራቲ ሕክምና ኪንግ ካውንቲ (KCME) ብ 206.731.3232 ምድዋል ትኽእሉ ኢኹም።

መዋታይ ወይ ስድራ ኣባላቱ መርመራ ሬሳ ንክግበር ክሓቱ ይኽእሉ ድዮም?

እዎ፡- ኣብ መብዛሕቲኡ እዋን መርመራ ሬሳ ንክንገብር ፈቓድ ስድራ ኣባላት ሓተትቲ ነሕና ኢና። እንድሕር ዘይተሓተትኩም ግን ስድራ ኣባላት መርመራ ሬሳ ንክግበር ምሕታት ትኽእሉ ኢኹም።

መርመራ ሬሳ ንክግበር፣ እቲ ብሕጊ ዋሽንግተን ስቴት ፍቓድ ንክህብ ስልጣን ዝተዋህበ ሰብ ነቲ መርመራ ሬሳ ፍቓድ ግድን ክህብ ኣለዎ። እዚ ሰብ ፍቓድ እንተዘይሂቡ፣ ወይ ነዚ ሰብ ክንረኽቦ እንተዘይክኢልና መርመራ ሬሳ ኣይንገብርን ኢና።

እዚ ሰብ እዚ ፍቓድ እንተሂቡ፣ ኣየኖት ክፍሊ ኣካላት ክምርመሩ ከምዘለዎም ግድን ብንፁር ክሕብር ኣለዎ።

እዚ ሰብ ውሳኔኡ ንክውሰን ምስ ቐንዲ ሓኪም መዋታይ ወይ ካዓ ምስ ኣፅነዕቲ ዶክተራት ናይ ሕማማትን ጠንቂታትን-ፓቶሎጂስታት ከዘራርብ ይኽእል።

እቲ ሬሳ ኣብ ክፍሊ ሆስፒታል ናይ'ቲ ሕሙም ክሳብ መዓስዩ ክጸንሕ?

ድሕሪ ሞት እትፈትውዎ ሰብ ስድራ ኣባላት ግዘ ከምዘድልየኩም ንፈልጥ። ድሕሪ ሞት ቁሩብ ሰዓታት ሬሳ ስድራኹም ካብ ክፍሊ ሕሙማት ናብ ካልእ ቦታ ክጋዓዝ እዩ። ብዛዕባ ዚ ጉዳይ ነርሲታት ከዘራርቡኹም እዮም።

እቲ ሬሳ ካብ ክፍሊ ተሓክምቲ ሆስፒታል ክጋዓዝ እንከሎ ናበይ እዩ ዝጋዓዝ?

ሬሳታት ናብቲ ኣብ ሆስፒታል ዝርከብ ውሑስነትን ፍሪጅን ናብ ዘለዎ መቐመጫ ሬሳ ይውሰድ። እዚ ድማ መኣከቢ ሬሳ /ሞርግ ይበሃል። ስድራ ኣባላት መዋታይ ንመቐበር ወይ ንመቃጸሊ ዝኸውን ናይ ቀብሪ ቤት ወይ ትካል መቃፀሊ ሬሳ ክሳብ ዝመርፁ ሬሳታት ኣብ መቐመጫ ሬሳታት ንሓያሎ መዓልታት ክቐመጡ ይኽእሉ ። ስድራ ኣባላት መዋታይ ድሕሪ ምምራፅ ትካል ስነ-ስርዓት ቀብሪ ወይ መቃፀሊ ኣባል ሰራሕተኛ እዚ እም ትካል ዝኾነ ሰብ እቲ ሬሳ ንክጋዓዝ ንኩነታት የዳሊ።

ንመዋታይ ኣባል ስድራና ክንሰእሎ ንክእል ዲና?

እዎ። ግን ስእሊ ምስኣል ዝካኣል ጥራይ ኣብ ውሽጢ ክፍሊ መውቲ/ሬሳ ናይ ቲ ሆስፒታል እዩ። ካብዚ ብተወሳኺ ትካል ቤት ቀብሪ ወይ መቃፀሊ ሬሳ ነቲ በድኒ/ሬሳ ድሕሪ ምምቓው 'ውን ክትሰእሉ ትኽእሉ ኢኹም።

ስድራ አባላት ነቲ ሬሳ ንምርኣይ ካብ ከተማ ወፃኢ መጻሕፍት ኣለውን ነቲ ሬሳ ምርኣይ ይኸእሉ ድዮም?

ድሕሪ ሞት ቁጥብ ሰዓታት እቲ ሬሳ ካብ ክፍሊ ሕሙማት ናብ መቐመጫ/መክኒቢ ሬሳ ክጋፀፍ እዩ። ነቲ ሬሳ ኣብ መኸዘን ሬሳ ምርኣይ ይከኣል እዩ፤ እዚ ግን ኣቐዲሙ ክሰራዕ ስለዘለዎ ቐዲምኩም ከተዳልው ይግባእ።

- **ንተሓከምቲ ማእኸል ሕክምና ዩኒቨርሲቲ ዋሽንግተን** :-ንኣገልግሎት ድሕሪ-ሞት ብ 206.598.4205 ወይካዓ ን ክኢላ ግልጋሎት ማሕበረሰብ/ሶሻል ወርክን ንመተሐባቦሪ ኸንክንን ብ 206.598.4370 ደውሉ።
- **ንተሓከምቲ ማእኸል ሕክምና ሃርበርቪው** :-ን ሱፐርቫይዘር ምምሕዳር ነርስ ብ 206.744.3085 ወይካዓ ንግልጋሎት ድሕሪ ሞት ብ 206.744.3078 ደውሉ።

መብዛሕትኡ ግዜ ኣብ ውሽጢ መኸዘን ሬሳ ናይቲ ሆስፒታል ንሬሳ ልምርኣይ ቆፃራ ምግባር ዝካኣል ኣብ ስራዕ ናይ ስራሕ ሰዓታት ጥራይ እዩ መደብ ክግበር ዝኸእል። ብዙሓት ስድራቤታት እዚ ምርኣይ ኣብቲ ዝመረጹዎ ቤት ቀብሪ/መሕረሪ ሬሳ ክግበር ይመርፁ።

ንብረት መዋታይ ኣባል ስድራና እንታይ እዩ ዝኸውን?

ኣብ ወቐቲ ሞት ተሓካማይ ኣባላት ስድራ መዋታይ እንተፀኒሑም ኩሉ ንብረት መዋታይ ንኸወስዱ ይግበር። እትዘንገዎ ክፋል ንብረት መዋታይ እንተሃልዩ ሽም ተሓካማይ ብዘለዎ መጠቀሚ ኣብ ልዕሊ ንብረቱ ምስተጠቀዓ ናብ ክፍሊ ቅብሊት ይውሰድ። ኣባላት ስድራ መዋታይ ንዝተዘንገዎ ንብረታት ካብ ክፍሊ ቅብሊት ክወስዱ ይኸእሉ። ካብዚ ብተወሳኺ ስራሕተኛ ኣባል ቤት ቀብሪ ነቲ ሬሳ ልምውሳድ ናብ ሆስፒታል ክመፅእ እንከሎ ንዝተዘንገዎ ንብረታት መዋታይ ሓዊሱ ንኸወስድ ኣባላት ስድራ መዋታይ ንዳይሬክተር ቤት ቀብሪ ፈቓድ ክህቡ ይኸእሉ እዮም።

ን ባጀላ/ሰርተፊኬት ሞት ዝመልእ መንዩ?

ኣብቲ ባጀላ "ጠንቂ ሞት" ንዝብል ክፍሊ ኣባል ሰራሕተኛ ሆስፒታል ይመልእ። ኣብቲ ባጀላ "ሓበሬታ ውልቀ-ሰብ" ንዝብል ካዓ ኣባል ሰራሕተኛ ቤት ቀብሪ ወይ ትካ መሕረሪ ሬሳ ምስ ስድራ ኣባላት መዋታይ ብሓባር ክመልእዎ ይኸእሉ። ብዘይ እዚኤን ወሰንቲ ሓበሬታታት ባጀላ ሞት ክረጋገፅ ኣይከእልን።

ባጀላ /ሰርተፊኬት ሞት ከመይ እንረኽቦ ንኸእል ?

ካብቲ ዳይሬክተር እቲ ትሰርሑሉ ዘለኹም ቤት ቀብሪ/መቃፀሊ ሬሳ ባጀላ/ሰርተፊኬት ሞት ዝተረጋገጸ ቅዳሕ ክትረኽቡ ትኸእሉ ኢኹም።

ካብ ክፍሊ ኣገደስቲ/ክቡር መዝገብ ኪንግ ካውንቲ ነቲ ቅዳሕ ምግዛእ ትኸእሉ ኢኹም። ንዝበለፀ ሓበሬታ ኣብ <https://kingcounty.gov/depts/health/vital-statistics.aspx> ተወከሱ።

ሓገዝቲ ዝኾኑ ካልኣት ደገፋት/ሓበሬታታት ኣለው?

ሞት ምስ ኣጋጠመ ንስድራቤታት ሓገዝቲ ክኾኑ ዝኸእሉ ተወሳኺ ጽሑፋት ኣለዉና። ገለ ካብዚኦም ኣብ ናይ ሓዘን ፓኬትኩም ተኸቲቶም ኣለዉ።

ነዘም ጥራዛት ብኢንተርነት እውን ኣብዚ ክትረኽቡዎም ትኸእሉ ኢኹም። <https://healthonline.washington.edu>. Use the search word "grief":

- "ድሕሪ ሞት:- ንቐድሚት ዝመፅኡ መዓልታትን ስሙናትን ዝሕብር መምርሒ"
- "ኣገልግሎት ደገፍ ሓዘን:- ፀጋታት፣ደገፍ ጉጅለታትን መፃኢኡትን"
- "መምሪሒ ከይዲ ኣተሓዘዝ:- መልቕስ ኣብ እንፈትዎ ሰብ ሞት"

ሕቶታት?

- ብዛዕባ ምምራጽ ቤት ቀብሪ፣ ኣገልግሎት ምሕራር ሬሳ፣ መርመራ ሬሳ፣ ምስክር ወረቐት ሞት፣ ወይ ካልእ ተዛመድቲ ጉዳያት ሕቶታት እንተሃልዩኩም፣ ኣብ ማእኸል ሕክምናኹም ናብ ዝርከብ ኣገልግሎት ድሕሪ ሞት ደውሉ።
- ንተሓከምቲ ማእኸል ሕክምና ዩኒቨርሲቲ ዋሽንግተን ብ 206.598.4205 ደዊልኩም ምስ ኣባል ሰራሕተኛ ወይ ሓኪም ኣናቶሚክ ፓቶሎጂ (ጠንቂ ሕክምና ዘፅንዑ) ተዘራረቡ።
- ንተሓከምቲ ማእኸል ሕክምና ሃርበርቪው ብ 206.744.3078 ደውሉ።



When a Loved One Dies in the Hospital

Answers to common questions

We are very sorry for your loss. We know that this handout may be hard to read right now.

This handout answers many of the questions you may have at this time. It also gives phone numbers you may need and website resources.

Families and friends of a patient who has died in the hospital have questions. They want to know what happens after the death, what hospital staff and family members need to do, and how to find the resources they need.



We are very sorry for your loss.

We hope this handout answers some of these questions. You may also find these phone numbers helpful:

University of Washington Medical Center (UWMC)

Admitting..... 206.598.4310

Please call us with the name of the funeral home or cremation facility you will be using.

Autopsy and After Death Services/Anatomic Pathology...206.598.4205

Please call us with questions about disposition, autopsy, and other issues.

Social Work and Care Coordination..... 206.598.4370

Spiritual Care & Wellbeing 206.598.9174

Main UWMC number..... 206.598.3300

Harborview Medical Center (HMC)

Admitting/Nursing Administrative Supervisor..... 206.744.3085

Autopsy and After Death Services/Anatomic Pathology...206.744.3078

Please call us with the name of the funeral home or cremation facility you will be using. You can also ask us questions about disposition, autopsy, and other issues.



A social worker can listen and talk with you about some of the things that will need to be done and decisions that will need to be made.

If you would like to meet with a social worker, please talk with the nursing staff or call the Social Work department for your medical center (see phone numbers on page 1).

Social Work.....	206.744.8030
Spiritual Care.....	206.744.3155
Main HMC number.....	206.744.3000

University of Washington School of Medicine

Willed Body Program..... 206.543.1860
<http://wbp.biostr.washington.edu>

UW BRaIN Laboratory.....uwnp@uw.edu | 206.897.6566
<https://dlmp.uw.edu/research-labs/keene/braindonation>

Community Resources

King County Medical Examiner (KCME) 206.731.3232
www.kingcounty.gov/healthservices/health/examiner.aspx

King County Vital Statistics/Death Certificates206.897.5100
<https://kingcounty.gov/depts/records-licensing/archives/research-guides/vital.aspx>

Organ, Tissue, and Cornea Donation Agencies

General information on donation.....	www.donatelifetoday.com
LifeCenter Northwest.....	877.275.5269
LifeNet Health Northwest.....	800.847.7831
SightLife 24-Hour Donor Coordinator.....	800.214.6356
UW BRaIN Laboratory.....	uwnp@uw.edu 206.897.6566

How do we find out the cause of the death? Can we ask for details about the time before the death?

It can be helpful to know the cause of a loved one’s death and what led up to the death. We encourage you to talk about this with the doctor who managed your loved one's care. The doctor can answer questions about the dying process and what may have caused the death.

As soon as you can, please tell your nurse that you would like to speak with the doctor. If the doctor is not at the hospital at the moment, your nurse can tell you how to reach them.

Another way to find out the cause of death is to have an autopsy done. Please see pages 5 and 6 to learn more about autopsies.

When a loved one dies, what does their family need to do?

Hospital staff will talk with the family of the deceased about:

- Working with donation agencies to find out if their loved one can be an organ, tissue, or cornea donor

- Having an autopsy done
- Working with the funeral home to fill out the death certificate

Family members or the legal representative of the deceased will decide:

- If they want an autopsy to be done. This can be several days after the death, but the autopsy must be done before a funeral, burial, or cremation. There may be scheduling issues to think about. Note that an autopsy is sometimes required by law (see page 5).
- Where their loved one's body will go for a funeral, burial, or cremation. This decision can be made several days after death.

Some of the legal tasks that must be done after a death are explained in the handouts in your Bereavement Packet. The handouts "After a Death" and "Planning a Funeral" explain what needs to be done about Social Security and veteran's benefits, life insurance, wills, and bank accounts. "Planning a Funeral" also includes basic information about choosing a funeral or cremation service.

What do we do about burial or cremation?

There are many funeral homes and cremation facilities in the Seattle area. Some people choose a funeral home or cremation facility based on its location or advice from family or friends.

The hospital does not provide funeral, burial, or cremation services. We also do not give advice about other facilities or their services.

After you have decided about funeral, burial, or cremation, please call us with the name of the funeral home or cremation facility:

- **For UWMC patients:**
 - Call Admitting at 206.598.4310 or After Death Services at 206.598.4205.
 - The funeral home or cremation facility staff will also call UWMC Admitting or After Death Services to arrange to move the body.
 - UWMC Social Work and Care Coordination or After Death Services can help you with special issues, such as moving the body out of the state or country, or finding a direct cremation service.
- **For HMC patients:**
 - Call After Death Services at 206.744.3078.
 - The funeral home or cremation facility staff will also call HMC After Death Services to arrange to move the body.

- HMC Social Work or After Death Services can help you with special issues, such as moving the body out of the state or country, or finding a direct cremation service.

What is direct cremation?

Direct cremation means that the body is not *embalmed* (preserved) or prepared in any way before it is cremated. A funeral or memorial service can still be held. To learn more about direct cremation, search for “Cremation Services” on the internet.

What if we cannot afford a funeral home?

If money is a concern, ask to talk with a social worker for ideas on lower-cost funerals.

What if we want to donate our loved one’s body to science?

Donating a body for scientific purposes can be done **only** under certain conditions. The Willed Body Program at the Department of Biological Structure (Anatomy) at the University of Washington will accept **some** bodies for donation.

To see if the program will accept their loved one’s body for donation, families must call 206.543.1860 weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Because the donation needs to happen quickly, families should call the Willed Body Program as soon as they can after the death occurs.

If the donation is not accepted, the family will need to make other arrangements for taking care of their loved one’s body. The Willed Body Program does not provide autopsy services.

You can apply to become a body donor before death occurs. To learn more, visit www.uwmedicine.org/school-of-medicine/about/willed-body-program.

Another way to contribute to science is to give our Anatomic Pathology department permission to do an autopsy. Autopsies help provide training for attending doctors, medical students, residents in clinical medicine and pathology, and other healthcare providers and students.

What if we want to donate our loved one’s brain tissue?

Many people know about the life-saving impact of organ donation, but less people know how helpful brain tissue donations are. Brain tissue donations from individuals with and without a history of brain disease are both important for medical research. Donations help researchers learn about differences between the normal brain and those affected by *neurodegeneration* (the loss of specific cells in the brain) or a traumatic brain injury.

The Biorepository and Integrated Neuropathology (BRaIN) Laboratory in the Department of Laboratory Medicine and Pathology collects brain tissues for medical researchers. These researchers study how the brain functions. Families will receive a report about the findings from their loved one's brain.

Families may arrange with the BRaIN lab to donate their loved one's brain tissue and with the Willed Body Program to donate the rest of the body. To learn more, visit <https://dlmp.uw.edu/research-labs/keene/braindonation>.

Will someone talk with us about organ and tissue donation?

UW Medicine facilities work with local donation agencies. These agencies include LifeCenter Northwest, LifeNet Health Northwest, and SightLife. We tell these agencies about all deaths that occur in the hospital.

Many issues are considered in deciding if someone can be an organ, tissue, or cornea donor. If the patient can be:

- A tissue or cornea donor, we will talk with their legal next of kin about donation. We will contact this person within a few hours after the death.
- An organ donor, we must talk with their legal next of kin about donation **before** breathing support is stopped.

If the patient is already a registered donor, we will tell this to the family when we talk about donation.

To learn more about donation, family members may call one of the agencies listed under "Organ, Tissue, and Cornea Donation Agencies" on page 2 of this handout.

What is an autopsy?

An autopsy is a medical procedure that is sometimes done after death. It can help find the cause of death. It can also help diagnose the disease that caused the patient's symptoms. An autopsy is done by a doctor with special training in *pathology* (the study of disease).

We offer to have an autopsy done whenever a patient dies. There is no charge to the family for the procedure. We believe that an autopsy can help the family understand their loved one's death and disease. The autopsy results can also help educate healthcare providers, and help improve medical treatment and diagnoses for other patients.

For an autopsy to be done, we must receive consent from the person authorized by Washington state law to give consent for an autopsy. That person must fill out the “UW Medicine Consent/Authorization for Autopsy” form, and their signature must be witnessed. This form has a list of everyone who is authorized to give consent for an autopsy under Washington state law, in order of priority. The consent/authorization may also be given over the phone.

A handout called “The Autopsy” explains more about the procedure. It is in your Bereavement Packet. To learn more, you can also call Autopsy and After Death Services (see phone numbers on page 1).

Is an autopsy ever done when it is not requested?

An autopsy is never done at a UW Medicine facility unless permission is given by the person authorized by Washington state law to give consent for autopsy.

An autopsy may be required by law because of the type of death or details about the death. This includes deaths from drug overdoses, injuries, and accidents.

The law requires us to report these types of death to the King County Medical Examiner’s Office (KCME). If the Medical Examiner becomes involved, an autopsy may be done at the office of the KCME.

If KCME pathologists decide that an autopsy must be done, the law allows them to do so. They do not need to get permission from the family. But, the KCME will try to contact the family to talk about the need for the autopsy.

There is no charge for a KCME autopsy. You can call the KCME Office at 206.731.3232.

May the family or loved ones ask for an autopsy?

Yes. Most times, we ask the family of a patient who has died for permission to do an autopsy. If you have not been asked, family members may request that an autopsy be done.

For an autopsy to be done, the person who is authorized by Washington state law to give consent **must** authorize the autopsy. We will not do an autopsy if this person does not give consent, or if we cannot find this person.

If this person gives consent, they can specify what parts of the body may be examined. This person may want to talk with the attending doctor or *pathologist* (a doctor who studies diseases and their causes) when making that decision.

How long will the body stay in the patient's hospital room?

We know that you may want time with your loved one after death. The body will need to be moved from the patient room a few hours after the death. Nursing staff will talk with you about this.

Where does the body go once it leaves the patient's hospital room?

Bodies are taken to a secure, refrigerated area in the hospital, called the *morgue*. Bodies can be kept in the morgue for several days, until the family has chosen a funeral home or agency for burial or cremation. After the family makes this choice, staff from the funeral home or agency will arrange to move the body.

May we take photos of our loved one?

Yes, you may take photos in the deceased's hospital room. Please talk with your nurse or social worker if you wish to take photos in the hospital. They can help you with this.

You may also choose to take photos after your loved one's body has been prepared by the funeral home.

Family is coming from out of town who want to view the body. Can they view the body at the hospital?

A few hours after the death, the body will be moved from the patient room to the hospital morgue. It is possible to view the body in the morgue, but this must be arranged ahead of time:

- **For UWMC patients:** Call After Death Services at 206.598.4205, or Social Work and Care Coordination at 206.598.4370.
- **For HMC patients:** Call the Nursing Administrative Supervisor at 206.744.3085, or After Death Services at 206.744.3078.

Most times, viewing of the body in the hospital morgue can be scheduled only during regular work hours. Many families choose to have this viewing done at the funeral home they have chosen.

What happens to our loved one's belongings?

If family members are present when the death occurs, we ask them to take all the patient's belongings with them. If any items are left behind, we will label them with the patient's name and send them to Admitting. The family may pick up the belongings there. They can also

give their funeral director permission to pick up the belongings when funeral home staff come to the hospital to move the body.

Who fills out the death certificate?

Hospital staff will fill out the “Cause of Death” section on the death certificate. Staff from the funeral home or burial or cremation service will talk with the family to complete the “Personal Data” section of the death certificate. The death certificate cannot be filed or certified without this information.

How do we get copies of the death certificate?

You can get certified copies of the death certificate from the funeral director you are working with. You can also buy copies from the King County Vital Statistics Department. Call 206.897.5100 or visit their website at www.kingcounty.gov/healthservices/health/vitalstats.aspx.

Are there other resources that will be helpful?

We have more handouts that may be helpful to families after a death occurs. Some of these are included in your Bereavement Packet.

You can also find these handouts online at

<https://healthonline.washington.edu>. Use the search word “grief”:

- “After a Death: A guide for the days and weeks ahead”
- “Bereavement Support Services: Resources, support groups, and books”
- “A Guide Through Grief: Mourning the loss of a loved one”

Questions?

If you have questions about choosing a funeral home, cremation services, autopsy, death certificates, or other related issues, call the After Death Services for your medical center:

For UWMC patients: Call 206.598.4205 and ask to speak with a staff member or doctor in Anatomic Pathology.

For HMC patients: Call 206.744.3078.