

Notable revisions to revised Death Clearance Manual for 2023

Location	Page	New/Change
General		The complete manual was reviewed. Text was edited for grammatical errors, consistency, and clarification.
Chapter 1 – Background	1-2	Moved historic information to Appendix L
Chapter 2 – Understanding Death Clearance	5 & 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated links to NCHS publications • Provided new link to Jurisdictional Exchange Agreement for Vital Records
Chapter 3 – Death Clearance Match (Death Match)	10	3.2.2: Clarified which death certificates are required to be included in death match and which ones are optional
Chapter 4: Death Clearance Follow-Back (Death Clearance: Minimum Requirements and Best Practices)	16-50	Reorganized chapter as well as revised recommendations and examples.
Chapter 5 – Getting the Most Out of Death Clearance	36	Reorganized introduction to chapter.
Appendix A: Death Clearance Glossary	38	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formerly Appendix B • Added definitions for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Medical Practitioner ○ Non-reportable DC
Appendix B: Flow Diagram of Death Clearance Process	42-43	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formally Appendix C • Created 2 separate flow diagrams <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Minimum requirements of Death Clearance ○ Tumor Comparison
Appendix C: ICD-10 Casefinding Codes for Death Clearance	44	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formally Appendix D
Appendix D: Tumor Comparison Guidelines for Death Clearance	47	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formally Appendix E • Reorganized chapter • Removed reference to Hematopoietic table (Appendix E), refer to Heme DB • Updated examples throughout section
Appendix E: Site and Histology match Tables	54-61	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formally Appendix F • Removed match table for Hematopoietic and Lymphoid Malignancies and • Added reference to the Hematopoietic and Lymphoid manual and database.
Appendix F: Estimating Date of Diagnosis for Death Clearance	62	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formally Appendix G

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Appendix G: At-A-Glance Guidance for Determining Disposition of Death Clearance Non-matches	65-71	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formally Appendix H • Column titles have been changed and definitions updated
Appendix H: Death Certificate Only (DCO) Data Item Values	73-90	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formally Appendix I • Added new data fields: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2021 (highlighted in blue) ○ 2022 (highlighted in orange) • Each year is highlighted with a different color (2021 highlighted [blue] and 2022 highlighted [orange])
Appendix I: ICD-10 to ICD-0-3 Conversion for Death Clearance	91	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formally Appendix J
Appendix J: State Registry of Iowa Physician Report Form	109	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Added an example of the form used by Iowa Cancer Registry for follow-back to physicians
Appendix K: Historical Death Clearance Publications	110	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formally Appendix A