

Reporting of Carcinoma

1119.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

California Health and Safety Code 103885 mandates the Coroner to report the existence of any carcinoma, of which he/she has actual knowledge. In accordance with this code section, this policy establishes guidelines for reporting when cancer is discovered at autopsy.

1119.2 DEATH CERTIFICATE REPORTING

When the existence of cancer is discovered during autopsy, and it is not the immediate or underlying cause of death, the cancer shall be reported on the death certificate in the section titled "Other Significant Conditions." If the cancer is not discovered at autopsy, but instead reported only by a clinical source and is not the immediate or underlying cause of death, it is not necessary to report on the death certificate.