

**Pronouncement of death.**

- (A) For purposes of this rule, a "physician" refers to an individual holding a current certificate to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery.
- (B) Only an individual holding a current certificate to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery issued under section 4731.14 of the Revised Code, a training certificate issued under section 4731.291 of the Revised Code, a visiting medical faculty certificate issued under 4731.293 of the Revised Code or a special activities certificate issued under section 4731.294 of the Ohio Revised Code, in Ohio can pronounce a person dead.
- (C) An individual as defined in paragraph (A) of this rule may pronounce a person dead without personally examining the body of the deceased only if a competent observer has recited the facts of the deceased's present medical condition to the physician and the physician is satisfied that death has occurred.
- (D) For purposes of this rule a competent observer shall mean:
- (1) A registered nurse holding a current ~~certificate~~ license issued under Chapter 4723. of the Revised Code;
  - (2) A licensed practical nurse holding a current ~~certificate~~ license issued under Chapter 4723. of the Revised Code;
  - (3) An ~~EMT-A~~ EMT-B holding a current certificate pursuant to section ~~3303.15~~ 4765.30 of the Revised Code;
  - (4) An ~~ADV-EMT-A~~ EMT-I holding a current certificate pursuant to section ~~3303.15~~ 4765.30 of the Revised Code;
  - (5) A paramedic holding a current certificate pursuant to section ~~3303.15~~ 4765.30 of the Revised Code;
  - ~~(6) An embalmer or funeral director holding a current license issued under Chapter 4717. of the Revised Code who has been certified pursuant to rules adopted by the board of embalmers and funeral directors as~~
    - ~~(a) Having completed coursework in vital signs or patient assessment determined by that board to be substantially similar to the coursework required for EMT-A, ADV-EMT-A, or paramedic certification under Chapter 3303. of the Revised Code; and~~
    - ~~(b) Having periodically completed coursework in vital signs or patient~~

~~assessment approved by, and acceptable to, that board;~~

- ~~(7)~~(6) A ~~physician's assistant~~ physician assistant holding a current certificate of registration issued under Chapter 4730. of the Revised Code who has met all requirements of Chapter 4730. of the Revised Code;
- ~~(8)~~(7) A chiropractor holding a current certificate issued under Chapter 4734. of the Revised Code;
- ~~(9)~~(8) An individual authorized to pronounce a person dead under section (B) of this ~~rule~~ rule or a person holding a current certificate to practice podiatric medicine and surgery in Ohio.

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