

Trust Care After Death Checklist
CHECKLIST FOR CARE AFTER DEATH – Hospital use only

Action	Completed √ or X	Signature	Designation	Date
Inform Medical Staff or Nurse trained to verify death				
Inform Next of Kin				
Close deceased patients eyes DO NOT USE TAPE (cover with saline soaked cotton pads for corneal / eye donation)				
Replace dentures if possible, if not send to Mortuary in labelled pot.				
Remove jewellery if requested by family and record on property form. Secure any specific jewellery item left on deceased with tape and document on mortuary ID form.				
Pack deceased patients belongings neatly into a bag, to return to relatives. Place any dirty/soiled belongings into a red bag first, tie off and place in a further green bag. Label bag with the patient's details.				
Wash the deceased patient (unless for coronial investigation)				
Dress patient in shroud (remove hospital gown) or own clothes if family have requested it.				
Do not change patient's clothes if the death requires coronial investigation				

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Apply identification bands x 2. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wrist • Ankle Make sure ID band is visible around wrist. If there is significant lower limb oedema or in cases of amputation place ID bands on both wrists or ankles				
Place continence pants onto the patient and lie patient on absorbent pad				
Place deceased patient in a clean sheet for transfer				
Complete the mortuary identification form ensuring that it is given to the porters collecting the deceased to place in the plastic wallet				
If patient is high infection risk, wrap in sheet and place in body bag, label route of infection clearly. Follow full disinfection requirements for body bag and trolley.				
If patient is leaking after death, wrap in sheet, place in a body bag with absorbent pads in the base of the bag and continence pants on the patient				
Complete all nursing documentation				
Request removal of patient to Mortuary				