



OSCE Checklist: Death Confirmation

Before death confirmation		
1	Check it is appropriate to confirm death (patient meets criteria not to perform CPR, CPR has failed or life-sustaining treatment has been withdrawn)	
2	Introduce yourself and offer condolences to any family members present	
Death confirmation		
3	Wash your hands and don PPE if appropriate	
4	Confirm the identity of the patient by checking their wrist band	
5	Assess the patient's response to verbal stimuli (not part of the formal process but good practice)	
6	For a minimum of five minutes, confirm the absence of: central pulse (carotid), heart sounds, respiratory sounds, signs of life	
7	Assess the patient's pupillary reflexes (fixed and dilated) and corneal reflex (absent)	
8	Assess for a motor response to supra-orbital pressure (absent)	
9	Dispose of PPE appropriately and wash your hands	
Documentation		
10	Document the death confirmation process in the notes, including your details, the clinical findings and the time at which death was confirmed	
To complete death confirmation		
11	Inform the relevant nursing staff	
12	Consider if the death needs referring to the coroner and discussing with the consultant responsible for the patient or medical examiner	

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