

Privacy Act Notification

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The California Information Practices Act of 1977 requires the University to provide information to the individual to whom the information pertains.

Furnishing information requested in the Vital Statistic sheet is mandatory. Failure to provide such information will delay or may even prevent completion of the action for which the form is being filled out. Information furnished on this form will be transmitted to the state and federal governments if required by law.

Civil Code Section 1798.9 et seq. requires each state agency to provide notice to individuals completing this form (VS-11 Certificate of Death and VS 9 Application and Permit for Disposition of Human Remains). The information is being requested by: Department of Health Services, Office of Vital Records, 304 S Street, P.O. Box 730241, Sacramento, CA 94244-0241. The information requested on this certificate is authorized as required by Divisions 7 and 102 of the Health and Safety Code, and related provisions with the Civil Code, Code of Civil Procedure, and Government Code.

The principal purpose for this record is:

1. To establish a permanent record that is legally recognized as prima facie evidence of the facts stated therein for each death occurring in the State of California.
2. To provide information, to health authorities and other qualified persons with a valid education or scientific interest, for demographic and epidemiological studies for health and social purposes.
3. To provide information to the National Center for Health Statistics for compiling national statistical reports, and to state and federal agencies for file clearance purposes.
4. To provide individuals with certified copies from the records to serve their personal needs, such as applying for social security or death benefits.

Individuals have the right to review their own records in accordance with the Information Practices Act and University policy. The record shall be open for examination during regularly scheduled office hours, except when access is specifically prohibited by statute or regulations.

The State of California Health and Safety Code Section 7054.6, 7117 and 10376, and related provisions in the Civil Code, Code of Civil Procedure, and Government Code, authorize maintenance of this information. The director responsible for maintaining the information contained on this form is the Body Donation Program Director, University of California San Diego, School of Medicine, 9500 Gilman Drive, MC 0627, La Jolla, CA 92093.

FEDERAL

Pursuant to the Federal Privacy Act of 1974, you are hereby notified that disclosure of your social security number is mandatory. Disclosure of the social security number is required pursuant to the regulations of the State Registrar of Vital Statistics. The social security number is used to verify your identity.

HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act) laws and how they relate to the reporting of vital event records.

The information necessary to complete the Certificate of Birth and Certificate of Death is required by California State law (Health & Safety Code Sections 102425 and 102875 respectively). The Privacy Rule permits covered entities to disclose PHI (Protected Health Information), without authorization, to public health authorities or other entities that are legally authorized to receive such reports for the purpose of preventing or controlling disease, injury, or disability. This includes the reporting of disease or injury and reporting of vital event records, such as births and deaths (Reference 45 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Section 164.512).