

Instructions to Complete Death Certificates in eVital to Ensure OCME Pick Up

This document provides guidance on how to properly complete death certificates to ensure they are registered in the system. As a reminder, OCME is only able to take custody of decedents that have a registered death certificate completed in eVital. [See here](#) for guidance from the NYC Department of Health (DOH) Bureau of Vital Statistics on how to run reports in eVital that can help identify incomplete death certificates.

I. In cases where a funeral home has claimed the case, but has not entered a disposition or signed off on the death certificate (rendering it unregistered), please either:

1. Reach out to the funeral home and ask them to complete the case in eVital
2. Reach out to the Constituents Services group at the NYC DOH (evital@health.nyc.gov) who can assist with the outreach to the funeral home

II. In cases where a funeral home is **not** involved, please follow the steps outlined below to complete the disposition section and certify the case to ensure the case is submitted for registration.

1. Indicate “Yes” to the question, “Will Medical Institution be responsible for final disposition?”



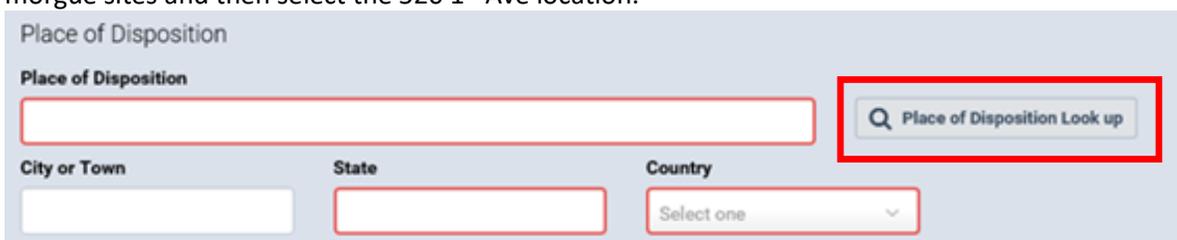
The screenshot shows a dark blue header with the word "Decedent" in white. Below the header, the question "Will Medical Institution be Responsible for Final Disposition?" is displayed. Underneath the question is a white dropdown menu with "Yes" selected. To the right of the dropdown are small "x" and "v" icons.

2. The disposition page will then be enabled. Under **Method of Disposition** enter “Interim.” Then under **Interim At** enter “OCME.”



The screenshot shows a dark blue header with the word "Disposition" in white. Below the header, the label "Method of Disposition" is followed by a white dropdown menu with "Interim" selected. Below that, the label "Interim At" is followed by another white dropdown menu with "OCME" selected. Both dropdown menus have "x" and "v" icons to their right.

3. To fill in **Place of Disposition**, use the look-up tool. Search “OCME%” to populate the OCME morgue sites and then select the 520 1st Ave location.



The screenshot shows the "Place of Disposition" section. At the top, the text "Place of Disposition" is displayed. Below it is a large white search bar. To the right of the search bar is a button with a magnifying glass icon and the text "Place of Disposition Look up". Below the search bar are three input fields: "City or Town", "State", and "Country". The "Country" field is a dropdown menu with "Select one" and a downward arrow.

Look up Place of Disposition X

Facility Name*

Facility Name	Address	City	
OCME Morgue	1400 Pelham S Parkway	Bronx	<input type="button" value="Select"/>
OCME Morgue	599 Winthrop Street	Brooklyn	<input type="button" value="Select"/>
OCME Morgue	16015 82nd Dr	Jamaica	<input type="button" value="Select"/>
OCME Morgue	460 Brielle Ave	Staten Island	<input type="button" value="Select"/>
OCME Morgue	520 1st Ave	New York	<input type="button" value="Select"/>

4. This will auto populate the **Place of Disposition** section.

Place of Disposition

Place of Disposition

City or Town State Country

**** Please note that if a death certificate has already been certified by a physician, you will need to have it recertified in order to make any changes. This requires a physician signature. You may have one physician (even a medical student) sign all death certificates requiring recertification as long as they have access to eVital. You do not need to reach out individually to the original physicians who initially signed the death certificate.***

Please review the eVital User Guides for additional instructions on how to complete death certificates. These can be found at www.nyc.gov/health/eVital under the Training and Tutorials section.