ID number: [IDNO]

Decedent's name: [NAME]

Disposition: 1. Regular  2. QC case  3. Equivocal case [DISPOS]

A. Cause of death, choose appropriate one.
   1. Definite fatal myocardial infarction [FD1]
   2. Definite sudden death due to coronary heart disease
   3. Definite fatal coronary heart disease
   4. Possible fatal coronary heart disease
   5. Definite fatal stroke
   6. Possible fatal stroke
   7. Definite fatal congestive heart failure
   8. Possible fatal congestive heart failure
   9. Other fatal cardiovascular diseases
   10. Other, specify: [COMMENT 1]

B. Criteria used: (Please check the appropriate boxes)
   1. Definite fatal myocardial infarction
      FD2 [ ] a. Definite MI within 4 weeks of death by criteria: (1=yes, 2=no)
         1. Evolving diagnostic ECG, AND/OR [FD3]
         2. Diagnostic ECG and abnormal cardiac enzymes, AND/OR [FD4]
         3. Prolonged cardiac pain and abnormal cardiac enzymes
            OR [FD5]
      FD6 [ ] b. Acute MI diagnosed by autopsy AND
      FD7 [ ] c. No known non-atherosclerotic or noncardiac-atherosclerotic that was probably lethal according
to death certificate, autopsy report, hospital records, or physician records.
2. Definite sudden death due to CHD

FD8[ ] a. Death witnessed as occurring within 1 hour after the onset of severe cardiac symptoms
   (prolonged cardiac pain, shortness of breath, fainting) or within 1 hour after the subject was
   last seen without symptoms.
   AND

FD9[ ] b. No documentation of acute MI within 4 weeks prior to death.
   AND

FD10[ ] c. No known non-atherosclerotic or noncardiac-atherosclerotic process that was probably lethal
   according to death certificate, autopsy report, hospital records, or physician report.

3. Definite fatal CHD

FD11[ ] a. Death certificate with consistent underlying or immediate causes. AND

FD12[ ] b. No documentation of definite acute MI within 4 weeks prior to death. AND

FD13[ ] c. Criteria for sudden death not met (above). AND

FD14[ ] d. No known non-atherosclerotic or noncardiac-atherosclerotic process or event that was probably
   lethal according to death certificate, autopsy report, hospital records, or physician records.
   AND

FD15[ ] e(i). Previous history of MI according to relative, physician, or hospital records, or definite or
   possible MI by criteria. OR

FD16[ ] e(ii). Autopsy reporting severe atherosclerotic-coronary artery disease or old MI without acute MI
   (> 50% proximal narrowing of two major vessels or > 75% proximal narrowing of one
   more vessel, if anatomic details give.) OR

FD17[ ] e(iii). Death occurring greater than 1 and less than or equal to 24 hours after the onset of severe
   cardiac symptoms or after subject was last seen without symptoms.

4. Possible fatal CHD

FD18[ ] a. No documentation by criteria of definite acute MI within 4 weeks prior to death. AND

FD19[ ] b. No documentation by criteria of definite sudden death. AND

FD20[ ] c. No documentation by criteria of definite fatal CHD. AND

FD21[ ] d. Death certificate with consistent underlying or immediate cause. AND

FD22[ ] e. No known non-atherosclerotic or noncardiac-atherosclerotic process that was probably lethal
   according to death certificate, autopsy report, hospital records, or physician records.
5. Definite fatal stroke (Complete also Section C)
   FD23 [ ] a. Cerebral infarction or hemorrhage diagnosed at autopsy.
   
   AND
   
   FD24 [ ] b. No other known disease process or event such as brain tumor, subdural hematoma, subarachnoid hemorrhage, metabolic disorder, or peripheral lesion that could cause localizing neurologic deficit or coma according to death certificate, autopsy, hospital records, or physician records.
   
   OR
   
   FD25 [ ] c. History of rapid onset (approximately < 48 hours from onset to time of admission or maximum acute neurologic deficit) of localizing neurologic deficit and/or change in state of consciousness.
   
   AND
   
   FD26 [ ] d. Localized neurologic deficit within 6 weeks of death documented by unequivocal physician or laboratory findings with > 24 hours duration of objective physician findings.
   
6. Possible fatal stroke (Complete also Section C)
   FD27 [ ] a. Death certificate with consistent underlying or immediate cause (ICD-9, code 431-437), but neither autopsy evidence nor adequate pre-terminal documentation of the event.
   
   AND
   
   FD28 [ ] b. No evidence at autopsy examination of the brain, if performed, of any disease process that could cause localizing neurologic signs that would not be connected with cerebral infarction or hemorrhage.
   
7. Definite fatal congestive heart failure.
   Two major criteria or one major and two minor criteria:
   a. Major criteria
   
   FD29 [ ] i. Paroxysmal nocturnal dyspnea or Orthopnea
   
   FD30 [ ] ii. Neck vein distention
   
   FD31 [ ] iii. Rales
   
   FD32 [ ] iv. Cardiomegaly
   
   FD33 [ ] v. Acute pulmonary edema
   
   FD34 [ ] vi. S3 gallop
   
   FD35 [ ] vii. Increased venous pressure > 16 cm water
   
   FD36 [ ] viii. Circulation time ≥ 25 seconds
   
   FD37 [ ] ix. Hepatojugal reflux
b. Minor criteria

FD38 [ ] i. Ankle edema
FD39 [ ] ii. Night cough
FD40 [ ] iii. Dyspnea on exertion
FD41 [ ] iv. Hepatomegaly
FD42 [ ] v. Vital capacity reduced by one third from maximum
FD43 [ ] vi. Tachycardia (rate of ≥ 120/min.)

c. Major or minor criteria

FD44 [ ] i. Weight loss > 4.5 kg in 5 days in response to treatment

FD45 d. [ ] No known non cardiac process leading to fluid overload such as renal failure

8. Possible fatal congestive heart failure

FD46 [ ] Death certificate with consistent underlying or immediate cause, but neither autopsy evidence nor adequate pre-terminal documentation of the event.

9. Other fatal cardiovascular diseases

FD47 [ ] i. Death certificate with consistent underlying or immediate cause.

Comment:

C. TYPE OF STROKE: (To be completed only if "5" or "6" is coded in Section B)

1. Thrombotic infarction
2. Subarachnoid hemorrhage
3. Intraparenchymal hemorrhage
4. Lacunar infarction
5. Embolic infarction
6. Atherosclerotic infarction
7. Other, unknown infarction
8. Unknown type stroke

D. Does the diagnosis in Section A (Cause of death) agree with your clinical impression?

1. Yes  2. No

If "No", what is your diagnosis?

Why?

Comment 3

Comment 4

Coder

CODE

Date completed

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