

# DEATH BROADCAST

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## Reference Manual for Physicians and Coroners

Cause of Death and the Death Certificate is an out-of-print book, published by the *College of American Pathologists (CAP)* and including input from the *National Association of Medical Examiners (NAME)*. It is intended as a reference manual for any person who must prepare, review, or interpret cause-of-death statements. It was recently made available to vital records offices and we have posted it at

<https://sites.google.com/a/state.co.us/cdphevitalrecords411/death-literature>.

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## Presentation at CCA

State vital records staff will be presenting a session on the Electronic Death Registration system (EDR) at the Colorado Coroner Association training in Grand Junction next month. If you have particular questions you would like answered, or particular system functionality demonstrated, please let us know by September 15th at [michelle.cowell@state.co.us](mailto:michelle.cowell@state.co.us) or call 303.692.2183.

## Weekly Data File for Coroners

Twenty-six coroner offices currently receive a weekly data file, via encrypted email, from the state health statistics office. The file contains extensive information from all records where the death occurred in your county, the injury occurred in your county, and/or someone in your office signed the death record. If you do not receive this file and would like to, or have questions, please contact: [michelle.cowell@state.co.us](mailto:michelle.cowell@state.co.us) or call 303.692.2183.

## Data Enthusiasts

The Colorado Health Information Dataset (COHID) has been updated to include calendar year 2016 data in the vital statistics modules (birth, death, and population data). Check out the latest in vital events at: <http://www.chd.dphe.state.co.us/cohid/>.

The 2016 State and County Birth and Death Summary tables, incorporating 2016 birth, death, and population data have been compiled as well, and can be found on the revamped Center for Health and Environmental Data site at: <https://www.cohealthdata.dphe.state.co.us/>.

Colorado Violent Death Reporting System staff finalized data collection for 2015 violent deaths in Colorado, which included obtaining death certificates, coroner records, and law enforcement reports for abstraction in the National Violent Death Reporting System (NVDRS). These 2015 data will soon be combined with other NVDRS-funded states and made available on the CDC's web-based injury data system WISQARS at <https://www.cdc.gov/injury/wisqars/nvdrs.html>.



## Article on Emergency Preparedness

The attached document summarizes the public health and medical preparedness activities that supported the event response to the June 12, 2016, Pulse nightclub shooting in Orlando, Florida. ASTHO (Association of State and Territorial Health Offices) provided analytical and technical support for this document.

*Thanks for your time and attention!*

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