



State of Louisiana
Department of Health and Hospitals
Center for Records and Statistics

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Dear Louisiana Physician:

Louisiana is pleased to announce that we will be implementing Electronic Death Registration (EDR) during Spring 2012. Louisiana Electronic Event Registration System (LEERS) has already been implemented to record all birth events in the state, as well as for the transmission of other vital record data statewide.

As a physician, you are on the front line of public health matters in the state. The use of EDR will facilitate the collection and transmission of valuable health data so that it may be analyzed to the benefit of public health. A standardized system for categorizing cause of death will allow researchers to more accurately compare and track health risks.

LEERS will also allow for a streamlined registration process. By allowing funeral homes to work paperlessly and from any location, families will be able to receive copies of death certificates much more quickly. As a physician, you will be able to digitally sign a death certificate instantly from anywhere with an internet connection, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

In order to use LEERS, all that is required is that you complete, sign, and return a User ID request. This will allow us to assign you a unique user ID, password, and 4-digit Personal Identification Number (PIN) used to digitally sign certificates. Our goal is to have every Louisiana physician registered for LEERS before electronic registration is implemented in March 2012.

We understand that this is a significant change in the way deaths are registered, and we remain committed to providing you with any information or assistance that you may need. Support is available by phone or email, and future training opportunities are being planned. Should you have any questions in the meantime, please contact us at (504) 593-5101 or leers@la.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Darlene W. Smith".

Darlene W. Smith
State Registrar and Center Director