

Changes in Counseling For Dealing With Final Dispositions

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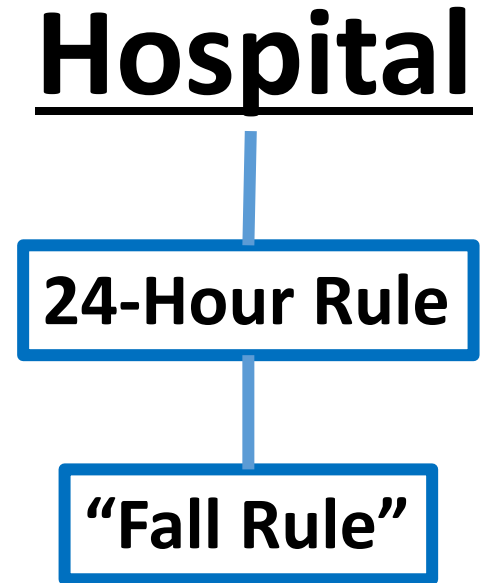
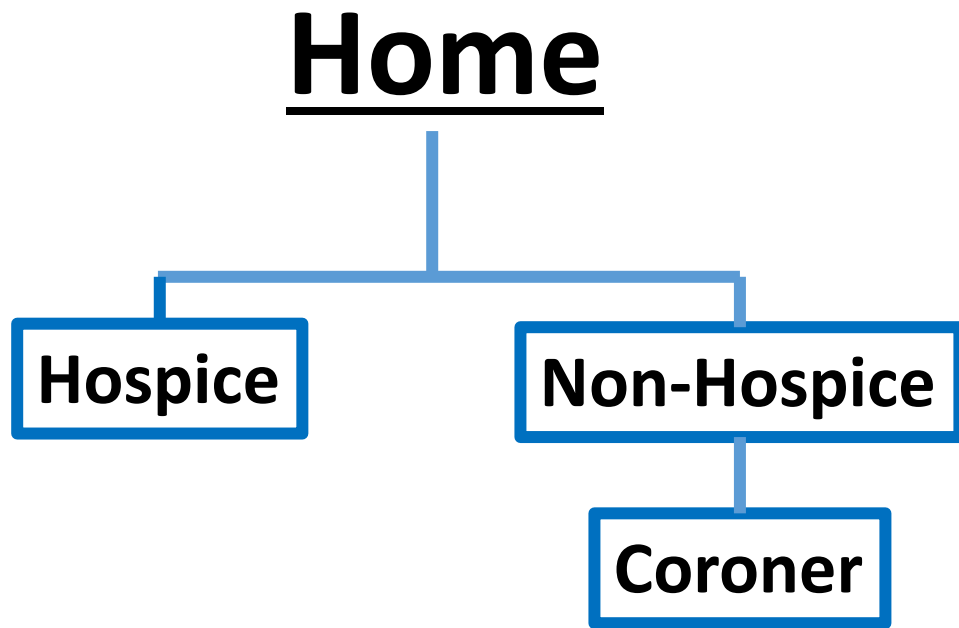


AMERICA'S MOST TRUSTED
CREMATION SERVICES*

Learning Objectives:

- Identify the current laws, challenges and benefits of Final Disposition and how it relates to those in hospice and their families.
- Discuss how those in the hospice care team can inform and involve the families in the final disposition, in order that they may find a greater sense of closure.
- Discuss how physicians and nurses may play a role, during both the Palliative and Hospice processes, to help prepare the family for the inevitability of their loved-ones passing.

Where People Die



Legal Aspects

In Most States:

“Line of Succession”

Self

Power of Attorney for Healthcare

Spouse/SRDP

Adult Children (majority)

Parents

Adult Siblings (majority)

Other Classifications of Kinship

Court Appointed Conservator

Public Administrator

Legal Aspects

In Missouri:

Who's NOT in the Line of Succession

Non-Spouse

Non-State Registered Domestic Partner

Step-Children (unless legally adopted)

Financial Power of Attorney

Executor of the Estate

Legal Aspects

In Missouri:

- Advanced Directives-Right of Sepulchre
Literally “The Right to Entomb”
- “Must be within 24 hrs.” - only after acceptance by
Funeral Director
- When is Embalming Required?
- Casket and Vaults

Veterans

- Mis-Information
 - “It’s All Taken Care Of”
- VA Benefits are Often a Moving Target



Cost: Burial vs. Cremation

National Average for Funeral with Burial	\$14,488*
National Average for Funeral with cremation	\$3,500*
National Average for Direct Cremation	\$2,100**

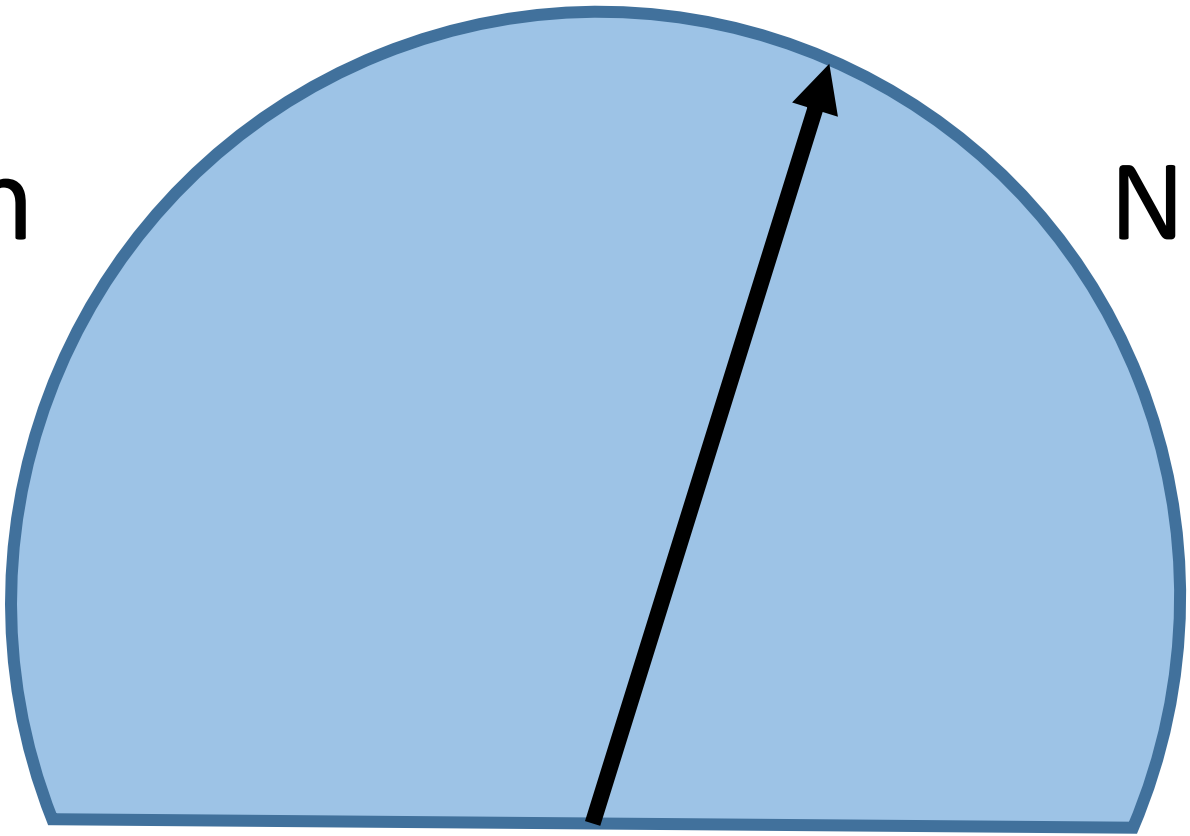
*Source: National Funeral Directors Association 2021

**Source: Cremation Association of North America 2021

Tipping the Balance

Burial
Tradition
Cost

Cremation
Non-Traditional
Ecology



Green Burials

- **No Embalming**

- **No Metal Caskets**

Wooden or woven Caskets,

Shrouds

- **No Vaults**

GREEN BURIAL FOR VETERANS



Photo courtesy of Billy and Kimberley Campbell, Ramsey Creek Conservation Preserve

Home Funerals

- The use of a Funeral Home is NOT Required
- Families may keep the Body at Home for as long as they wish
- A Funeral Service may be engaged to help with Preparation and Final Transportation of the Body



Emotional Benefits

- Creates natural flow of events
- Normalizes the process
- Teaches children
- Promotes healthy grief
- Family feels useful
- Family finds Closure



Photo courtesy of Donna Belk, Beyond Hospice

Pre-Arrangements

- Officially called “Pre-Need”
- Requires a License from the state of Residence
- Locks in the Price
- Legally binding
- Can be used for Medicaid “Spend-down”
- Can alleviate angst from spouse and children

Expanding Your Service to the Family

Offer to arrange a funeral planning visit

- What a funeral planning visit entails:
 - facilitating a funeral discussion with patient and/or family
 - educating families about home and blended funeral care
- At admission, the Planner assists in developing an action plan



Thinking Outside the “Box”

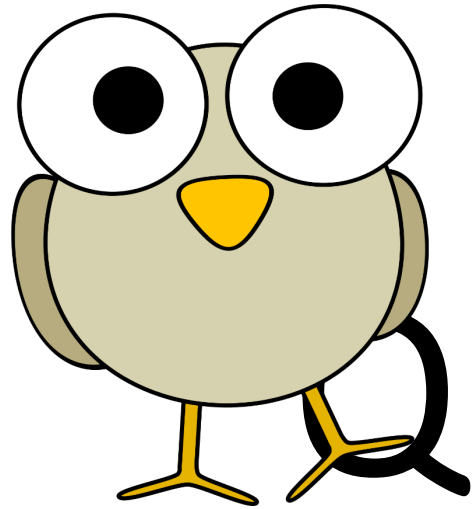




“Wave” of the Future

Alkaline
Hydrolysis





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Questions

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