

Instructions for Documenting DWDA Compliance - Consulting Physician

The law (ORS 127.800 to 127.995) has defined requirements. You can document your compliance on a form the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) provides and you can use it as a step-by-step guide.

Section C 2: After interviewing and examining the patient, you should be able to check all the boxes. Possible risks are vomiting and awakening (very rare), which are reasons to have your patient on hospice.

Section D: Check only one box - the first one if your patient has intact judgment. If you have concerns about judgment, the law requires a consultation by a psychologist or psychiatrist.

Fax the completed form to the prescriber.

You may be asked to complete the death certificate. The immediate cause of death is the underlying illness and the manner of death is natural since ORS 127.880 s.3.14 states, "Actions taken in accordance with ORS 127.800 to 127.897 shall not, for any purpose, constitute suicide, assisted suicide, mercy killing or homicide, under the law."