

The New York State Department of Health is in the pilot phase of the new electronic Fetal Death Module, a web-based application within the Electronic Death Registration System (EDRS) that will allow for the electronic registration of *spontaneous* fetal deaths across New York State (outside of the five boroughs of New York City).

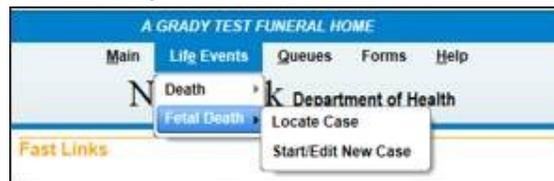
The Department is currently working with select facilities across the State to test the system and develop best practices in preparation for a statewide implementation.

As a funeral director in NYS, you may be called upon to electronically complete the disposition section, when required, of a fetal death record during the pilot program. In preparation, please take note of the pilot facilities and pilot Go-Live dates. Additional facilities and dates will be sent via email, and will be posted in the Announcements section on the EDRS website: https://www.health.ny.gov/vital_records/edrs/.

Pilot Facility: St. Peters Hospital Go-Live: Currently live	Pilot Facility: NYU Winthrop Hospital Go-Live: Currently live
Pilot Facility: Crouse Hospital Go-Live: 9/24/2018	Pilot Facility: Bellevue Woman's Center Go-Live: 10/1/2018

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT:

The NYS Fetal Death Module was made available to all funeral directors and staff users in April 2018. Medical facilities will always initiate fetal death cases in the module, however, only fetal deaths that occur at a pilot facility after each Go-Live date will be electronically filed during the pilot program. Verify with the pilot facility that the record is going to be completed electronically.



To complete an electronic fetal death certificate, you are required to view the demonstration video below and attached quick reference guide.

ACTION REQUIRED:

- Fetal Death Module Training- click here to register to view:**

<https://meetny.webex.com/meetny/k2/e.php?RCID=1f157998dd51f983759f918ec68ebdd7>

WebEx ARF player must be installed on your computer for you to view the recorded training. Click the following link to download and install the free WebEx ARF player: [Download the WebEx ARF Player](#). Be sure to select the correct player for your computer type (Windows or Macintosh) and follow the installation instructions.

- Fetal Death Module Quick Reference:**

https://www.health.ny.gov/vital_records/edrs/docs/efdr_quick_guide_funeral.pdf

- Forward this email notification to funeral directors and staff at your funeral firm.**

The Fetal Death Module statewide regional roll-out will begin in Winter 2018. The state will be divided into six regions for implementation. For each region, the Department of Health will be conducting outreach and notifying you of training, documentation and key dates.

If you have any questions, please send an email to efdr@health.ny.gov.

Thank you,

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