

Table 3 Association Between Patients and Caregiver Characteristics and Error on the Death Certificate

Error Type																
		Medical Error			Too Little Info			Contributory-Error			Too Many Entries			Cardiac Arrest/Resp. Failure		
Characteristic	Total N	N	%	p	N	%	p	N	%	p	N	%	p	N	%	p
Patient age				0.03			0.5			0.8			0.9			0.6
<65	8	1	12.5		6	75		6	75		1	12.5		2	25	
65- <85	21	6	28.6		12	57.1		12	57.1		3	14.3		6	28.6	
85+	21	0	0		10	47.6		12	57.1		3	14.3		3	14.3	
Length of stay				0.04			0.4			0.6			0.2			0.8
1-3 days	19	0	0		9	47.4		12	63.2		4	21.1		4	21.1	
4-7 days	17	3	17.7		12	70.6		11	64.1		3	17.7		3	17.7	
8+ days	14	4	28.6		7	50.5		7	50		0	0		4	28.6	
Transferred between specialties				0.02			0.7			0.7			0.3			0.09
No	41	3	7.3		22	53.7		24	58.4		7	17		7	17	
Yes	9	4	44.4		6	66.7		6	66.7		0	0		4	44.4	
Certifier				0.2			0.9			0.9			0.13			0.051
Attending	14	0	0		8	57.1		8	57.1		0	0		0	0	
PA	9	1	11.1		5	55.6		6	66.7		2	22.2		2	22.2	
Resident	25	5	20		15	60		15	60		5	20		8	32	
Certificate done by primary inpatient caregiver				0.02			0.4			0.6			0.2			0.08
No	25	6	24		13	52		16	64		2	8		8	32	
Yes	23	0	0		15	65		13	56.5		5	21.7		2	8.7	