

MEMORANDUM

Date: February 2nd, 2010

To: Funeral Services Association of British Columbia
Suite 211 - 2187 Oak Bay Avenue Victoria, BC V8R 1G1

From: John Garratt, Technical Specialist Anatomical Pathology

Re: Extraction of Electronic Devices from the Deceased

I want to take the opportunity to remind you and your members that Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) facilities do not remove pacemakers or any other electronic devices from the deceased.

It is therefore the responsibility of the funeral service provider to ensure such devices are extracted before cremation.

Please distribute this memo to your membership so that they are fully informed of the VCH Extraction of Electronic Devices policy.

Sincerely

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