

EVMS MEDICAL GROUP

POLICY: Deceased Patients

DATE: 3/2003

CATEGORY: MEDICAL RECORD RELEASE OF INFORMATION

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POLICY: When a patient is deceased, medical records can be released to the following individuals in the priority of their listing where the health care provider is not aware of a higher class:

1. executor or personal representative of the deceased;
2. spouse;
3. adult son or daughter;
4. either parent;
5. adult brother or sister; any other relative in descending order of relationship.