

Table 1) Frequency of death certificates and null codes based on the type of hospital wards and specialization of physicians (n=313)

Index	Writing in English letter	Use of medical abbreviations without explanation	Cardiac arrest	Respiratory arrest	cardiopulmonary arrest	Errors in writing the death board
Ward						
Infectious (n=12)	5 (41.7%)	1 (8.3%)	1 (8.3%)	2 (16.7%)	3 (25%)	0
Internal (n=16)	7 (50%)	3 (21.4%)	0	1 (7.1%)	2 (14.3%)	1 (7.1%)
ICU ₁ (n=120)	25 (21.4%)	14 (12%)	23 (19.7%)	6 (5.1%)	26 (22.2%)	23 (19.7%)
ICU ₂ (n=90)	39 (43.3%)	18 (20%)	8 (8.9%)	0	14 (15.6%)	11 (12.2%)
ICU ₃ (n=80)	37 (46.3%)	20 (25%)	3 (3.8%)	5 (6.3%)	11 (13.8%)	4 (5%)
Specialty of physicians						
Internal (n=75)	34 (45.3%)	8 (10.7%)	3 (4%)	8 (10.7%)	20 (26.7%)	2 (2.7%)
Infectious (n=27)	9 (33.3%)	2 (7.4%)	1 (3.7%)	5 (18.5%)	8 (29.6%)	2 (7.4%)
General Surgeon (n=127)	50 (39.4%)	24 (18.9%)	27 (21.3%)	0	9 (7.1%)	17 (13.4%)
Neurology (n=21)	4 (20%)	13 (65%)	0	1 (5%)	0	2 (10%)
Heart (n=39)	13 (33.3%)	8 (20.5%)	4 (10.3%)	0	13 (33.3%)	1 (2.6%)
Pulmonary subspecialty (n=3)	0	0	0	0	0	1 (100%)
Chest subspecialty (n=26)	3 (12.5%)	1 (4.2%)	0	0	6 (25%)	14 (58.3%)