# Application for the release of the information concerning deceased person

### Details of the deceased person

Name:

Social security number:

Date of death:

Place where the death was declared (hospital or other health care unit):

### Requested patient files

[ ]  Copy of the death certificate

[ ]  Requested data, treatment time/period:

Grounds and intended use of the data:

### Contact details

Name:

Address:

Phone number:

Are you related to the deceased?

[ ]  Yes [ ]  No

Family relationship:

### Signature

Date:

Signature:

The request for information shall be addressed to:

**The Wellbeing Services County of Ostrobothnia**

**Patient Record Registry**

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Pursuant to Paragraph 5 of Subsection 3 of Section 13 of the Finnish Act on the Status and Rights of Patients, information on health care or treatment of illnesses provided to the deceased while they were living can be disclosed to anyone who needs them to determine or exercise their important rights or determine their benefits insofar as the information is necessary to do so.

**The recipient of the information may not use or assign the information to be used for any other purpose.** Breaking this confidentiality obligation is punishable on the grounds of criminal law.

The determination of important rights or benefits referred to in the aforementioned Act may include e.g. the investigation of a will made by the deceased while living, the validity of another legal act, or possible medical malpractice in the deceased’s treatment prior to his or her death. Information may also be disclosed when the probability of a congenital disease or other similar characteristic is being investigated in the deceased’s descendants.

The hospital may disclose information about documents relating to the medical investigation of the cause of death (e.g. death certificate, autopsy report and statement) included in the patient files.

Documents connected to a forensic investigation on the cause of death are not considered as part of patient files; instead, the police must be contacted about them.