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POLICY

The Salvation Army Agapé Hospice is not responsible for reporting incidents of cancer to the Alberta Cancer Registry. According to the Cancer Registry Regulation (2009), an attending physician and/or “the person responsible for the laboratory where an examination of a specimen from a human body is conducted that reveals a reportable cancer” are/is responsible for providing such information.

Therefore, whenever requests for information about residents of Agapé Hospice are received from the Cancer Registry they will be referred to the attending physician of the resident. The physician will be required to provide the information from his/her own office and Agapé Hospice staff will not conduct chart review for the purpose of gathering the required data.

PROCEDURE

1. If the Cancer Registry telephones Agapé Hospice to request information on residents with a cancer diagnosis, the calls will be referred to the attending physician as indicated on the Intake information. If no physician is indicated, or if the person answering the telephone cannot access the required information, the call will be referred to the Director of Resident Care.
2. The Director of Resident Care will secure the name and phone number of the attending physician and refer the Cancer Registry to that physician.
3. If the attending physician’s office telephones to request chart information from Agapé Hospice, the calls will be referred to the Director of Resident Care who will provide the information to the physician’s office. This will not be considered a breach of confidentiality since the attending physician already has access to the chart.

REFERENCE

Alberta Regulation 71/2009 – Regional Health Authorities Act – Cancer Registry Regulation.