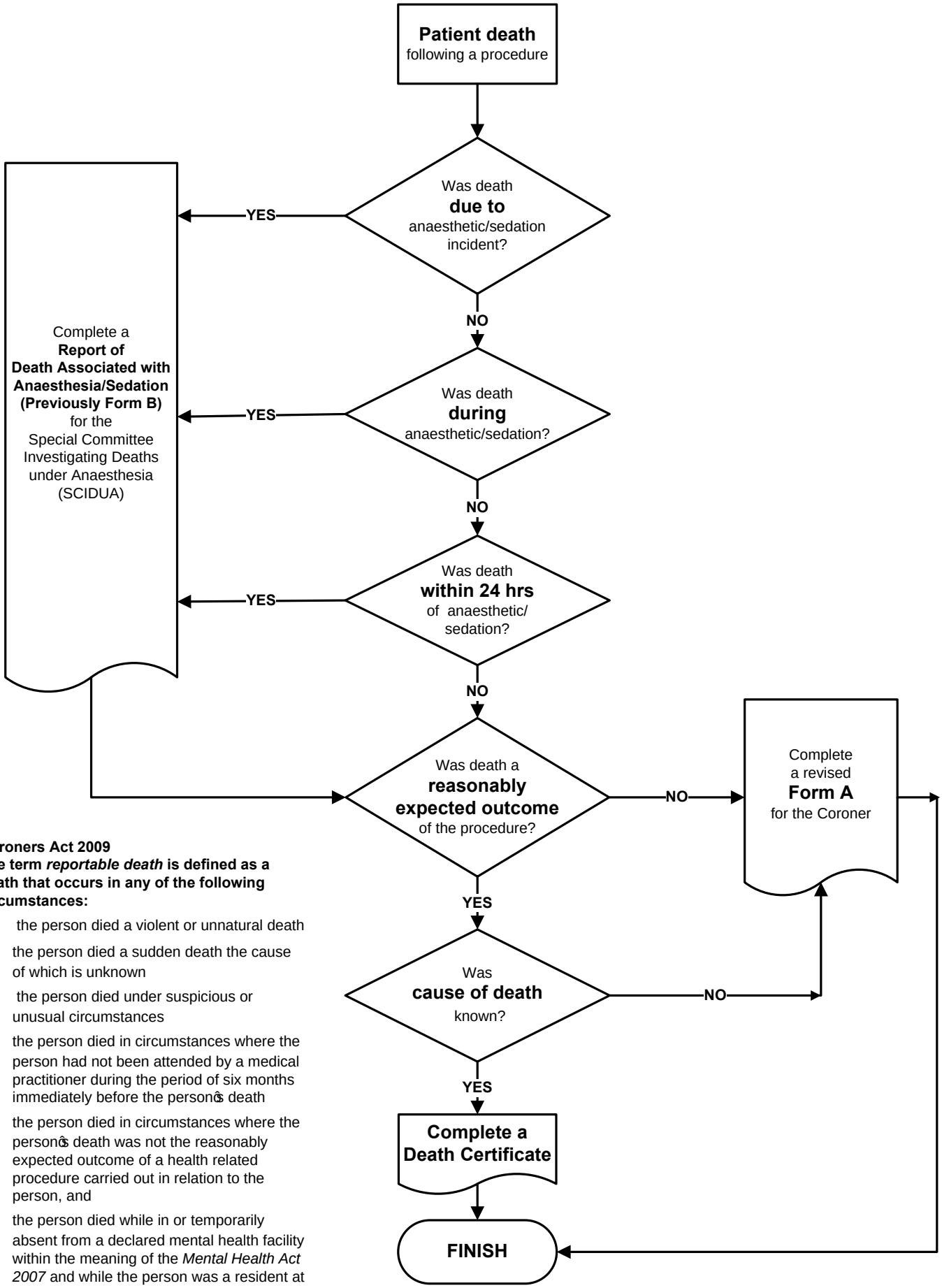
Understanding Changes to the *Public Health Act* and the *Coroner's Act 2009*

Public Health Act 2010

Coroners Act 2009



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The term *reportable death* is defined as a death that occurs in any of the following circumstances:

- the person died a violent or unnatural death
- the person died a sudden death the cause of which is unknown
- the person died under suspicious or unusual circumstances
- the person died in circumstances where the person had not been attended by a medical practitioner during the period of six months immediately before the person's death
- the person died in circumstances where the person's death was not the reasonably expected outcome of a health related procedure carried out in relation to the person, and
- the person died while in or temporarily absent from a declared mental health facility within the meaning of the *Mental Health Act 2007* and while the person was a resident at the facility for the purpose of receiving care, treatment or assistance.