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## **Post-mortem procedures related to patients with cardiac devices**

**We are conducting research to determine the causes of sudden cardiac death (SCD) in patients with cardiac devices. Despite an estimated 50,000 to 70,000 annual SCD cases in the UK, post-mortem device checks are not routinely performed, leading to missed insights into the exact causes of these deaths. Our project aims to explore variations in current practices.**

**Therefore, we kindly are requesting information on your institution's post-mortem procedures related to patients with cardiac devices. We have attached a short questionnaire in line with the above-mentioned objectives.**

Please see attached