

## **EDRS Coming to Kitsap County!**

The Washington State Department of Health is changing the way it does business, moving from paper to electronic filing of death records, and is releasing the Electronic Death Registration System (EDRS) to Kitsap County in May of 2012. The EDRS is already being used in Benton, Franklin, Mason, Pierce, San Juan, Skagit, Spokane and Thurston counties, with thousands of medical providers filing death records electronically. EDRS will streamline the death registration process, improve the quality of the death data collected, and improve communication among those who file.

### **Everyone benefits with EDRS**

- Physicians will quickly complete a death record from any computer with web access and file it with a single click. This paperless system does not require extensive computer knowledge. It will streamline communication between funeral directors and physicians and eliminate the need to fax or sign paper records. It will offer a fast, easy, more accurate way to file.
- Families will get death certificates faster and will be able to do so from any local health jurisdiction across the state. EDRS will deliver better service to families because delays with paper processing will be reduced.
- Funeral homes will save time and money by collecting physicians' signatures electronically. They will view cases online and get death certificates faster.
- The people of Washington will benefit by having immediate and accurate death data used to combat public health threats.

To enroll or request information, contact the EDRS Implementation team at 855-562-1928 or by email at [EDRS@doh.wa.gov](mailto:EDRS@doh.wa.gov).