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I worked in Tillamook County when OVERS was a pilot program. There was resistance from some health care providers initially, but the feedback I received over the years as new clinics came online was always positive. It is my opinion that eliminating a piece of paper that must make its way from the funeral home to a clinic or hospital, and eventually to the physician and back again, can only be a good thing. Lost death certificates that must be dropped-to-paper are not a common occurrence, but it happens, and in some cases I have gotten resistance asking physicians who had signed a death certificate to re-sign after the first had been lost in the facility, which of course has caused undue delays for families needing to finalize estate business. I understand that there will be a learning curve, and that health care facilities are overwhelmed by daily business as they care for their patients, but I have seen that once they are brought online to a fully electronic system, it will be a net time saver, more efficient, and a benefit for both the office and the patients' families.