Improving Coroner-Reported Cause of Death

Division of Vital Records



Top Rules for Good Cause of Death

- 1. If you feel like you need to use a phrase like "due to," "as a result of," "secondary to," etc., then go to the next cause line
- 2. Check your event order -> Immediate Cause should be listed as Cause A in Part I, with Underlying listed last in Part I
- 3. Specify drugs and details for overdose-related deaths
- 4. Utilize applicable terms for overdose-related deaths & include injury details
- Don't list a mechanism as the only cause in Part I, list events that led to death as a result of the mechanism
- Use the correct fields -> be sure you don't enter the next cause in an interval field
- 7. Don't use generalized causes without more detail
- 8. Specify primary sites, or state "unknown"
- 9. Don't abbreviate, even common medical terminology
- 10. Check spelling
- 11. If there are no contributing conditions for Part II, leave the field blank

1. "Due to"

If you feel like you need to use a phrase like "due to," "as a result of," "secondary to," etc., then go to the next cause line

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38. Location Of Injury - State	38a. City Or Town		38b. Street & Number			38c. Apt. No.	38d. Zip Co	ode	
INDIANA									
39. Describe How Injury Occurred					40. If Transporta	tion Injury, Specify:			
					Driver/Operator	Passenger Pedestrian	Other (Specify)	1	
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...On Separate Lines

		Cause Of D	eath (See Instructions And	Examples)			Approximate		
28. Part I. Enter The Chain Of Events - Diseases, Injuries, Or Complications - That Directly Caused The Death. Do Not Enter Terminal Events Such As Cardiac Arrest, Respiratory Arrest, Or Ventricular Fibrillation Without Showing The Etiology. Do Not Abbreviate. Enter Only One Cause On A Line. Add Additional Lines If Necessary.									
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Sequentially List Conditions, If Any, Leading To	B. HANGING	3	Due to (Or As A Consequence C	or)					
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34. Date Of Injury (Month/Day/Year)	35. Time Of Injury		36. Place Of Injury (E.G., Dec	edent's Home, Construct	ion Site, Restauran	t, Wooded Area)	37. Injury At Work?		
01/26/2016	00:01		HOME				☐ Yes No		
38. Location Of Injury - State	38a. City Or Town		38b. Street & Number			38c. Apt. No.	38d. Zip Code		
INDIANA									
39. Describe How Injury Occurred					40. If Transporta	tion Injury, Specify:			
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2. Event Order

Check your event order -> Immediate Cause should be listed as Cause A in Part I, with Underlying listed last in Part I

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Immediate Cause (Final Disease Or Condition R	Resulting In Death)	A. ALCOHOL	ALCOHOL USE/ABUSE						
Sequentially List Conditions, If Any, Leading To	B. BLUNT FO	BLUNT FORCE TRAMA Due to (Or As A Consequence Of)							
Line A. Enter The Underlying Cause (Disease C The Events Resulting In Death) Last	Or Injury That Initiated	C. BROKEN	NECK	Due to (Or As A Consequence O	,		INSTANT		
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31. Did Tobacco Use Contribute To Death?	32. If Female:				33. Manner Of De	eath:			
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38. Location Of Injury - State	38a. City Or Town		38b. Street & Number			38c. Apt. No.	38d. Zip Code		
INDIANA									
39. Describe How Injury Occurred					40. If Transportati	on Injury, Specify: Passenger Pedestrian	Other (Specify)		
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...Most Recent to Longest Term

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Immediate Cause (Final Disease Or Condition F	Resulting In Death)	A. ACUTE H	IEROIN OVERDOSE				INSTANT	
				Due to (Or As A Consequence	Of)			
Sequentially List Conditions, If Any, Leading To	The Cause Listed On	B. CHRONIC	C DRUG ABUSE				YEARS	
Line A. Enter The Underlying Cause (Disease (Due to (Or As A Consequence	or)			
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34. Date Of Injury (Month/Day/Year)	35. Time Of Injury		36. Place Of Injury (E.G., Dec	cedent's Home, Construct	tion Site, Restaurant	, Wooded Area)	37. Injury At Work?	
01/23/2016	12:00 A	M	HOTEL				☐ Yes	
38. Location Of Injury - State	38a. City Or Town		38b. Street & Number			38c. Apt. No.	38d. Zip Code	
INDIANA								
39. Describe How Injury Occurred					40. If Transportat	ion Injury, Specify: Passenger Pedestrian	Other (Checky)	
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3. Don't state Multiple or Polydrug...

Specify drugs identified from toxicology results

		Cause Of Do	eath (See Ins	structions And E	-vamnlee)				
28. Part I. Enter The <u>Chain Of Events</u> - Disease Such As Cardiac Arrest, Respiratory Arrest, Or \ A Line. Add Additional Lines If Necessary.	es, Injuries, Or Complicati /entricular Fibrillation Wit	ons - That Directly	y Caused The	Death. Do Not I	Enter Terminal Events	On		Inte	oroximate rval: Onset Death
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38. Location Of Injury - State	38a. City Or Town		38b. Street	& Number			38c. Apt. No.	38d. Zip Code	•
INDIANA									
39. Describe How Injury Occurred						40. If Transporta	tion Injury, Specify: Passenger Pedestrian	Other (Specify)	

...List Specific Drugs

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34. Date Of Injury (Month/Day/Year) 35. Time Of Injury 36. Place Of Injury (E.G., Decedent's Home, Construction Site, Restaurant, Wooded Area) 37. Injury At Work?	34 Date Of Injury (Month/Day/Vear)									
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10/23/2016 19:20 BASEMENT										
38. Location Of Injury - State 38a. City Or Town 38b. Street & Number 38c. Apt. No. 38d. Zip Code	36. Location Of Injury - State									
INDIANA	INDIANA									
39. Describe How Injury Occurred 40. If Transportation Injury, Specify: □ Driver/Operator □ Passenger □ Pedestrian □ Other (Specify)	39. Describe How Injury Occurred									

4. Utilize appropriate OD terms & details...

Utilize words such as overdose, intoxication, use, abuse, & poisoning accurately; provide injury details

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28. Part I. Enter The <u>Chain Of Events</u> - Disease Such As Cardiac Arrest, Respiratory Arrest, Or V A Line. Add Additional Lines If Necessary.							Interval: To Deat	
Immediate Cause (Final Disease Or Condition R	esulting In Death)	A. METHAMI	PHETAMINE INTOXICATIO	N AND BROCHOPNEU			HOURS	
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HYPERTENSIVE CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE				30. Were Autopsy Find		<u> </u>	f Death? X Yes	□ No
31. Did Tobacco Use Contribute To Death?	32. If Female:				33. Manner Of D	eath:		
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38. Location Of Injury - State	38a. City Or Town		38b. Street & Number			38c. Apt. No.	38d. Zip Code	
39. Describe How Injury Occurred					40. If Transporta	tion Injury, Specify: Passenger Pedestrian	Other (Specify)	

...Use accurate terms & include injury details

		Cause Of De	eath (See Instructions And I	Examples)			Approximate	
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38. Location Of Injury - State	38a. City Or Town		38b. Street & Number			38c. Apt. No.	38d. Zip Code	
INDIANA								
39. Describe How Injury Occurred					40. If Transportat	ion Injury, Specify: Passenger Pedestrian	Other (Specify)	

Drug Death Term Suggestions

Recommended for Part I, Cause of Death:

- Poisoning/Overdose: use of any substance that interferes with normal bodily functions, leading to acute adverse physical or mental effects, and may result in harm or death
- Intoxication/Toxicity/Toxic Effects: harmful, noxious, or deleterious effects of a drug, or the condition of having/experiencing such effects

Recommended for Part II, Other Significant Contributing Conditions:

- Abuse: long-term, continued substance use despite knowledge of potential harm
- Use: self-administration of substances

5. Don't list Mechanism only...

		Cause Of De	ath (See Instr	uctions And E	xamples)			An	proximate
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Immediate Cause (Final Disease Or Condition R	esulting In Death)	A. <u>LIGATURI</u>	E SUSPENSIO	N (HANG NG)	Due to (Or As A Consequence O	or)			
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34. Date Of Injury (Month/Day/Year)	35. Time Of Injury		Place Of Ir	ijury (E.G., Dece	dent's Home, Constructi	ion Site, Restaurant	, Wooded Area)	37. Injury At	Work?
01/23/2016	11:55 A	M	GARAGE	OF RESID	ENCE			☐ Yes	No
38. Location Of Injury - State	38a. City Or Town		38b. Street &	Number			38c. Apt. No.	38d. Zip Cod	е
INDIANA									
39. Describe How Injury Occurred		_				40. If Transportat	ion Injury, Specify:	Colban (Constitution	
HANGED HIMSELF WITH DOG LEASH SECURE	D FROM GARAGE DOOF	R				Driver/Operator	Passenger Pedestrian	Other (Spedily)	

...List Events due to Mechanism

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		Cause Of De	eath (See Instructions Ar	id Examples)				Approximate	
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38. Location Of Injury - State	38a. City Or Town		38b. Street & Number			38c. Apt. No.	38d. Zip Co	ode	
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39. Describe How Injury Occurred					Driver/Operator IX	tion Injury, Specify: Passenger Pedestrian	Other (Specify	n	
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6. Use Correct Fields

Use the correct fields -> be sure you don't enter the next cause in an interval field

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		Cause Of D	eath (See Instructions And	Examples)			Approximate		
28. Part I. Enter The Chain Of Events - Disease							Interval: Onset		
Such As Cardiac Arrest, Respiratory Arrest, Or \	entricular Fibrillation Wit/	hout Showing The	e Etiology. Do Not Abbreviate	e. Enter Only One Cause	e On		To Death		
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				Due to (Or As A Consequence (or):				
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							Yes No		
38. Location Of Injury - State	38a. City Or Town		38b. Street & Number			38c. Apt. No.	38d. Zip Code		
39. Describe How Injury Occurred		_			40. If Transportat	ion Injury, Specify: Passenger Pedestrian	Other (Case) A		
					Driver/Operator	rassengerredestrian	outer (specify)		
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7. Include Details for General Causes

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Part II. Enter Other Significant Conditions Contributing to Death But Not Resulting In The Underlying Cause Given In Part I 29. Was An Autopsy Performed?								
				30. Were Autopsy Fin	ding Available To Co	omplete The Cause O	f Death?	Yes No
31. Did Tobacco Use Contribute To Death?	32. If Female:				Manner Of D	eath:		
☐ Yes ☐ Probably ☒ No ☐ Unknown	Not Pregnant Within Past Ye	ear Pregnant At Tir	me Of Death Not Pregnant, But Pre	egnant Within 42 Days Of Death	Natural □ He	omicide 🔲 Acciden	t Pending	Investigation
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34. Date Of Injury (Month/Day/Year)	35. Time Of Injury		36. Place Of Injury (E.G., De	ecedent's Home, Construct	tion Site, Restaurant	, Wooded Area)	37. Injury At	Work?
							☐ Yes	□ No
38. Location Of Injury - State	38a. City Or Town		38b. Street & Number			38c. Apt. No.	38d. Zip Coo	de
39. Describe How Injury Occurred					40. If Transportat	ion Injury, Specify:	Cotton (Seconds)	
					Driver/Operator	Passenger Pedestrian	otner (specify)	

...Such as Leading & Resulting Cause

Cause Of Death (See Instructions And Examples)								
28. Part I. Enter The Chain Of Events - Diseases, Injuries, Or Complications - That Directly Caused The Death. Do Not Enter Terminal Events Such As Cardiac Arrest, Respiratory Arrest, Or Ventricular Fibrillation Without Showing The Etiology. Do Not Abbreviate. Enter Only One Cause On								val: Onset Death
A Line. Add Additional Lines If Necessary.								
Immediate Cause (Final Disease Or Condition R	esulting In Death)	A. HEMOPE	HEMOPERICARDIUM					TES
				Due to (Or As A Consequence O	л).			
Sequentially List Conditions, If Any, Leading To	The Cause Listed On	B. MYOCAR	DIAL INFARCTION	Due to (Or As A Consequence O	wo-			
Line A. Enter The Underlying Cause (Disease C	or Injury That Initiated			Due to (Of As A Consequence O	n).			
The Events Resulting In Death) Last		C. SEVERE	CORONARY ATHEROSCLER	OSIS Due to (Or As A Consequence O	wn-			
				Due to (Of As A Collisequence C	n).			
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Part II. Enter Other Significant Conditions Contributing to Death But Not Resulting In The Underlying Cause Given In Part I 29. Was An Autopsy Performed?								
				30. Were Autopsy Find	ling Available To Co	omplete The Cause O	f Death? ⊠\	∕es □ No
31. Did Tobacco Use Contribute To Death?	32. If Female:				33. Manner Of De	eath:		
Yes 🛛 Probably 🗖 No 🔲 Unknown	ar 🔲 Pregnant At Time Of Death 🔲 Not Pregnant, But Pregnant Within 42 Days Of Death 🔃 Natural 🔲 Homicide 🔲 Accident 🔲				t Pending Ir	rvestigation		
Tes Z Flobably 140 Clikilowii	Not Pregnant, But Pregnant 4	3 Days To 1 year Before Death Unknown If Pregnant Within The Past Year Suicide Could Not Be Determine					ed	
 Date Of Injury (Month/Day/Year) 	35. Time Of Injury		36. Place Of Injury (E.G., Dec	edent's Home, Constructi	on Site, Restaurant	, Wooded Area)	37. Injury At V	/ork?
							☐ Yes	□ No
38. Location Of Injury - State	38a. City Or Town		38b. Street & Number			38c. Apt. No.	38d. Zip Code	,
39. Describe How Injury Occurred	I .		l		40. If Transportat	tion Injury, Specify:		
					Driver/Operator	Passenger Pedestrian	Other (Specify)	

8. Specify Primary Sites

Diagnoses should include a primary site, or state unknown

Cause Of Death (See Instructions And Examples)									
28. Part I. Enter The <u>Chain Of Events</u> - Diseases, Injuries, Or Complications - That Directly Caused The Death. Do Not Enter Terminal Events Such As Cardiac Arrest, Respiratory Arrest, Or Ventricular Fibrillation Without Showing The Etiology. Do Not Abbreviate. Enter Only One Cause On A Line. Add Additional Lines If Necessary.								Inter	roximate rval: Onset Death
Immediate Cause (Final Disease Or Condition R	tesulting In Death)	A. CANCER						NA	
,					Due to (Or As A Consequence O	n:			
		B.							
Sequentially List Conditions, If Any, Leading To		D			Due to (Or As A Consequence O	r):			
Line A. Enter The Underlying Cause (Disease C The Events Resulting In Death) Last	or injury That initiated								
The Events Resulting in Death, East		C			Due to (Or As A Consequence O	n.			
					Date to for the troundequence of	·,·			
D									
Part II. Enter Other Significant Conditions Contributing to Death But Not Resulting In The Underlying Cause Given In Part I 29. Was An Autopsy Performed?									
30. Were Autopsy Finding Available To Complete The Cause Of Death?							f Dooth?		
CANCER					ou. Were Autopay I ind		·) Death:	Yes No
31. Did Tobacco Use Contribute To Death?	32. If Female:	_		_		33. Manner Of D			
Yes Probably No Unknown	Not Pregnant Within Past Yea	Year Pregnant At Time Of Death Not Pregnant, But Pregnant Within 42 Days Of Death Natural Homicide Ac			omicide	dent Pending Investigation			
Tes Probably 10 & Olikilowii	Not Pregnant, But Pregnant 4	ant 43 Days To 1 year Before Death Unknown If Pregnant Within The Past Year				Suicide ☐ Could Not Be Determined			
34. Date Of Injury (Month/Day/Year)	35. Time Of Injury		36. Pla	ce Of Injury (E.G., Dece	edent's Home, Construction	on Site, Restaurant	, Wooded Area)	37. Injury At V	Vork?
								☐ Yes	□ No
38. Location Of Injury - State	38a. City Or Town		38b. S	Street & Number			38c. Apt. No.	38d. Zip Code	:
39. Describe How Injury Occurred	•					40. If Transportat	ion Injury, Specify:	_	
						Driver/Operator	Passenger Pedestrian	Other (Specify)	
					<u> </u>				

9. No Abbreviations

		Cause Of Da	eath (See Instructions And	Evamples)			Approximate
28. Part I. Enter The Chain Of Events - Diseases, Injuries, Or Complications - That Directly Caused The Death. Do Not Enter Terminal Events Such As Cardiac Arrest, Respiratory Arrest, Or Ventricular Fibrillation Without Showing The Etiology. Do Not Abbreviate. Enter Only One Cause On A Line. Add Additional Lines If Necessary.							
Immediate Cause (Final Disease Or Condition Resulting In Death)				Due to (Or As A Consequence O	Of):		UNKNOWN
Sequentially List Conditions, If Any, Leading To	В		Due to (Or As A Consequence C	orn:			
Line A. Enter The Underlying Cause (Disease C The Events Resulting In Death) Last	or injury That Initiated	C.					
				Due to (Or As A Consequence C	Of):		
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Part II. Enter Other Significant Conditions Contributing to Death But Not Resulting In The Underlying Cause Given In Part I 29. Was An Autopsy Performed?							
				30. Were Autopsy Find	ding Available To Co		
31. Did Tobacco Use Contribute To Death?	32. If Female:			•	33. Manner Of D	eath:	
Yes Probably No Unknown	Not Pregnant Within Past Ye	ear 🔲 Pregnant At Time Of Death 🔲 Not Pregnant, But Pregnant Within 42 Days Of Death 🔯 Natural 🔲 Homicide 🔲 Accident 🛛			t Pending Investigation		
Tes Probably M No D Oriknown	Not Pregnant, But Pregnant	43 Days To 1 year Before	Death Unknown if Pregnant W	Vithin The Past Year	Suicide C	ed	
34. Date Of Injury (Month/Day/Year)	35. Time Of Injury		36. Place Of Injury (E.G., Dec	cedent's Home, Construct	ion Site, Restauran	t, Wooded Area)	37. Injury At Work?
							☐ Yes ☐ No
38. Location Of Injury - State	38a. City Or Town		38b. Street & Number			38c. Apt. No.	38d. Zip Code
39. Describe How Injury Occurred						tion Injury, Specify: Passenger Pedestrian	Other (Specify)
							(open/)

10. Check Spelling

		Cause Of D	eath (See Instructions And	Evamples)	77.6%_		Approximate	
Cause Of Death (See Instructions And Examples) 28. Part I. Enter The Chain Of Events - Diseases, Injuries, Or Complications - That Directly Caused The Death. Do Not Enter Terminal Events Such As Cardiac Arrest, Respiratory Arrest, Or Ventricular Fibrillation Without Showing The Etiology. Do Not Abbreviate. Enter Only One Cause On A Line. Add Additional Lines If Necessary.								
Immediate Cause (Final Disease Or Condition R	A. EXSANNO	GUINATION FROOM CUTS T	O NECK AND WRIST Due to (Or As A Consequence O	or)		MINUTES		
Sequentially List Conditions, If Any, Leading To Line A. Enter The Underlying Cause (Disease C The Events Resulting In Death) Last	В	3. Due to (Or As A Consequence Of)						
The Events Resulting in Death/ East		C		Due to (Or As A Consequence O	'n			
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D								
Part II. Enter Other Significant Conditions Contributing to Death But Not Resulting In The Underlying Cause Given In Part I 29. Was An Autopsy Performed?								
30. Were Autopsy Finding Available To Complete The Cause Of Death?							f Dooth?	
31. Did Tobacco Use Contribute To Death?	22 KE				22 Manage Of D		¥ Yes No	
31. Did Tobacco Ose Contribute To Death?		32. If Female: Not Pregnant Within Past Year Pregnant At Time Of Death Not Pregnant, But Pregnant Within 42 Days Of Death Natural Homicide Accident Per						
Yes Probably No Unknown	=							
	Not Pregnant, But Pregnant 43 Days To 1 year Before Death ☐ Unknown If Pregnant Within The Past Year ☐ Suicide ☐ Could Not Be Determined							
34. Date Of Injury (Month/Day/Year)	35. Time Of Injury		36. Place Of Injury (E.G., Dec	edent's Home, Constructi	on Site, Restaurant	t, Wooded Area)	37. Injury At Work?	
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38. Location Of Injury - State	38a. City Or Town		38b. Street & Number			38c. Apt. No.	38d. Zip Code	
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INDIANA								
39. Describe How Injury Occurred					40. If Transportal Driver/Operator	tion Injury, Specify: Passenger Pedestrian	Other (Specify)	
CUTS TO NECK AND WRIST								

11. If there is nothing for Part II

If there are no conditions to list, do not state "No," "None," "N/A," etc.

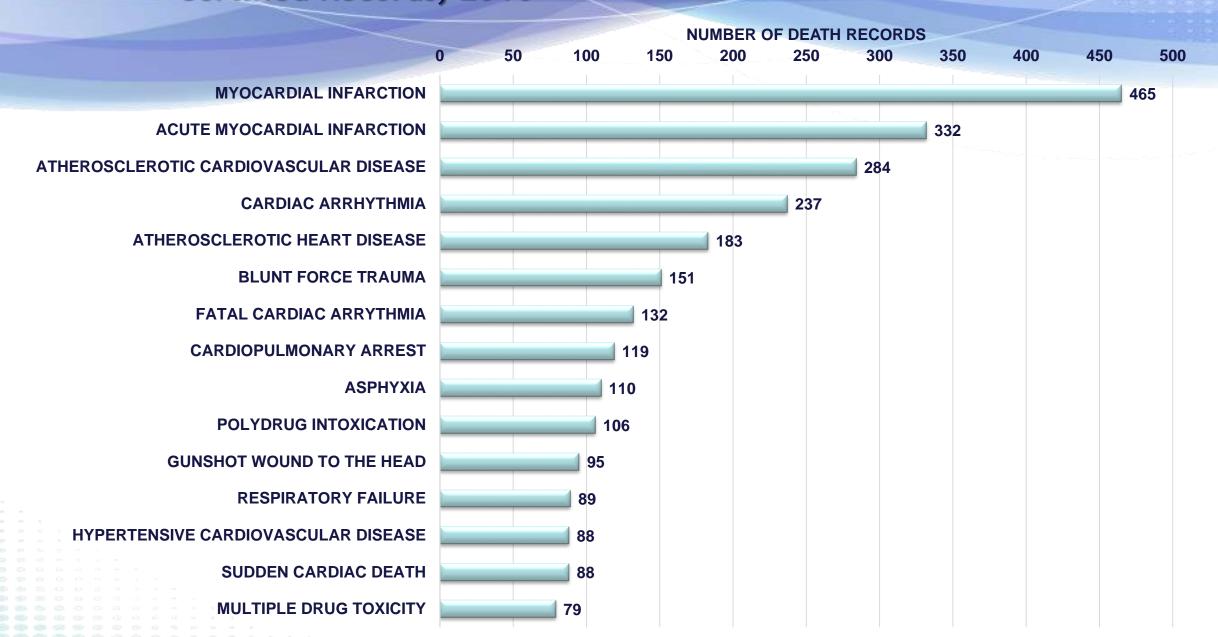
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Immediate Cause (Final Disease Or Condition Resulting In Death) A. ASPHYXIA					MINU	TES			
				Due to (Or As A Consequence O	π)				
Sequentially List Conditions, If Any, Leading To The Cause Listed On	В.	HANGING	i						
Line A. Enter The Underlying Cause (Disease Or Injury That Initiated				Due to (Or As A Consequence O	1)				
The Events Resulting In Death) Last	C.								
	_			Due to (Or As A Consequence O	ŋ				
D									
Part II. Enter Other Significan Conditions Contributing to Death But Not Resulting	In The U	Underlying (Cause Given In Part I	29. Was An Autopsy Pe	erformed?	☐ Yes 🗵	No		
	Yes No 30. Were Autopsy Finding Available To Complete The Cause Of Death?								
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31. Did Tobacco Use Contribute To Death? 32. If Female: 33. Manner Of Death:						. 🗖			
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38. Location Of Injury - State 38a. City Or Town			38b. Street & Number			38c. Apt. No.	38d. Zip Code		
INDIANA									
39. Describe How Injury Occurred	·					ion Injury, Specify:	Other (Caselfa)		
HANG NG					Driver/Operator	Passenger Pedestrian	otner (Specify)		

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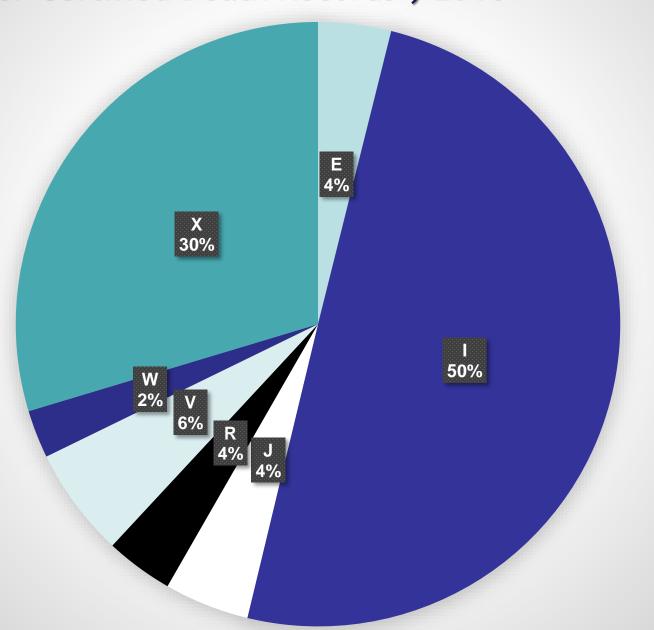
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Immediate Cause (Final Disease Or Condition R	Resulting In Death)	A. EXSANGL	JINATION					
				Due to (Or As A Consequence O	M)			
Sequentially List Conditions, If Any, Leading To	The Cause Listed On	B. TRANSEC	CTION OF THORACIC AORTA					
Line A. Enter The Underlying Cause (Disease C				Due to (Or As A Consequence O	or)			
The Events Resulting In Death) Last		C. MOTOR V	/EHICLE ACC DENT					
				Due to (Or As A Consequence O	or)			
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Part II. Enter Other Significant Conditions Contributing to Death But Not Resulting In The Underlying Cause Given In Part I 29. Was An Autopsy Performed?								
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34. Date Of Injury (Month/Day/Year)	35. Time Of Injury		36. Place Of Injury (E.G., Dec	edent's Home, Constructi	ion Site, Restaurant	, Wooded Area)	37. Injury At	Work?
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38. Location Of Injury - State	38a. City Or Town		38b. Street & Number		_	38c. Apt. No.	38d. Zip Coo	de
INDIANA								
39. Describe How Injury Occurred						tion Injury, Specify:	Other (Specific)	
2 VEHICLE MOTOR VEHICLE ACC DENT						Passenger Pedestrian		

Top 15 Most Common Immediate Causes of Death* in Coroner-Certified Records, 2016

*where CODA was available



ICD Letters for Top 15 Most Common UCOD for Coroner-Certified Death Records*, 2016 *where UCOD was available



Resources

IDRS: http://www.in.gov/isdh/26839.htm

- -Training Documents
- -User Guidance

Vital Records Helpdesk

- -vrhelpdesk@isdh.in.gov
- -(317) 233-7989