Person—underlying cause of death

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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element Concept |
| METEOR identifier: | 307862 |
| Registration status: | [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Standard 01/10/2008 |
| Definition: | The disease or injury which initiated the train of morbid events leading directly to a person's death or the circumstances of the accident or violence which produced the fatal injury. |

## Object Class attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

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| Object class: | [Person](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/268955) |
| Definition: | A human being. |
| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Comments: | Prior to 13 March 2018, the definition of the ‘Person’ Object class was ‘A human being, whether man, woman or child’. From 13 March 2018, the definition was edited by removing the words ‘…whether man, woman or child’ so that a person is defined as ‘A human being’. This amendment was undertaken to align the definition of a person with the *Australian Government Guidelines on the Recognition of Sex and Gender* and the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) *Standard for Sex and Gender Variables*, which recognise that there are sex and gender types that are not exclusively male or female. |
| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |
| Origin: | Macquarie University 2003. *The Macquarie Dictionary 3rd ed.* Sydney: The Macquarie Library Pty. Ltd |
| Reference documents: | Attorney-General's Department 2015. Australian Government Guidelines on the Recognition of Sex and Gender. Viewed 26 July 2016, [https://www.ag.gov.au/Publications/Pages/ AustralianGovernmentGuidelines ontheRecognitionofSexandGender.aspx](https://www.ag.gov.au/Publications/Pages/AustralianGovernmentGuidelinesontheRecognitionofSexandGender.aspx)  ABS (Australian Bureau of Statistics) 2016. Standard for Sex and Gender Variables, 2016. ABS Cat. no. 1200.0.55.012. Canberra: ABS. Viewed 26 July 2016, [http://abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/ Lookup/1200.0.55.012 Main+Features12016?OpenDocument](http://abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/Lookup/1200.0.55.012Main+Features12016?OpenDocument) |

## Property attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

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| Property: | [Underlying cause of death](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/296462) |
| Definition: | The disease or injury which initiated the train of events leading directly to death, or the circumstances of the accident or violence which produced the fatal injury. (WHO 2004) |
| Property group: | [Death event](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/524426) |

## Data element concept attributes

### Relational attributes



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| Data Elements implementing this Data Element Concept: | [Person—underlying cause of death, code (ICD-10 2016 version) ANN{.N}](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/719784)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Standard 16/01/2020  [Person—underlying cause of death, code (ICD-10 2nd edn) ANN-ANN](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/307931)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 16/01/2020 |