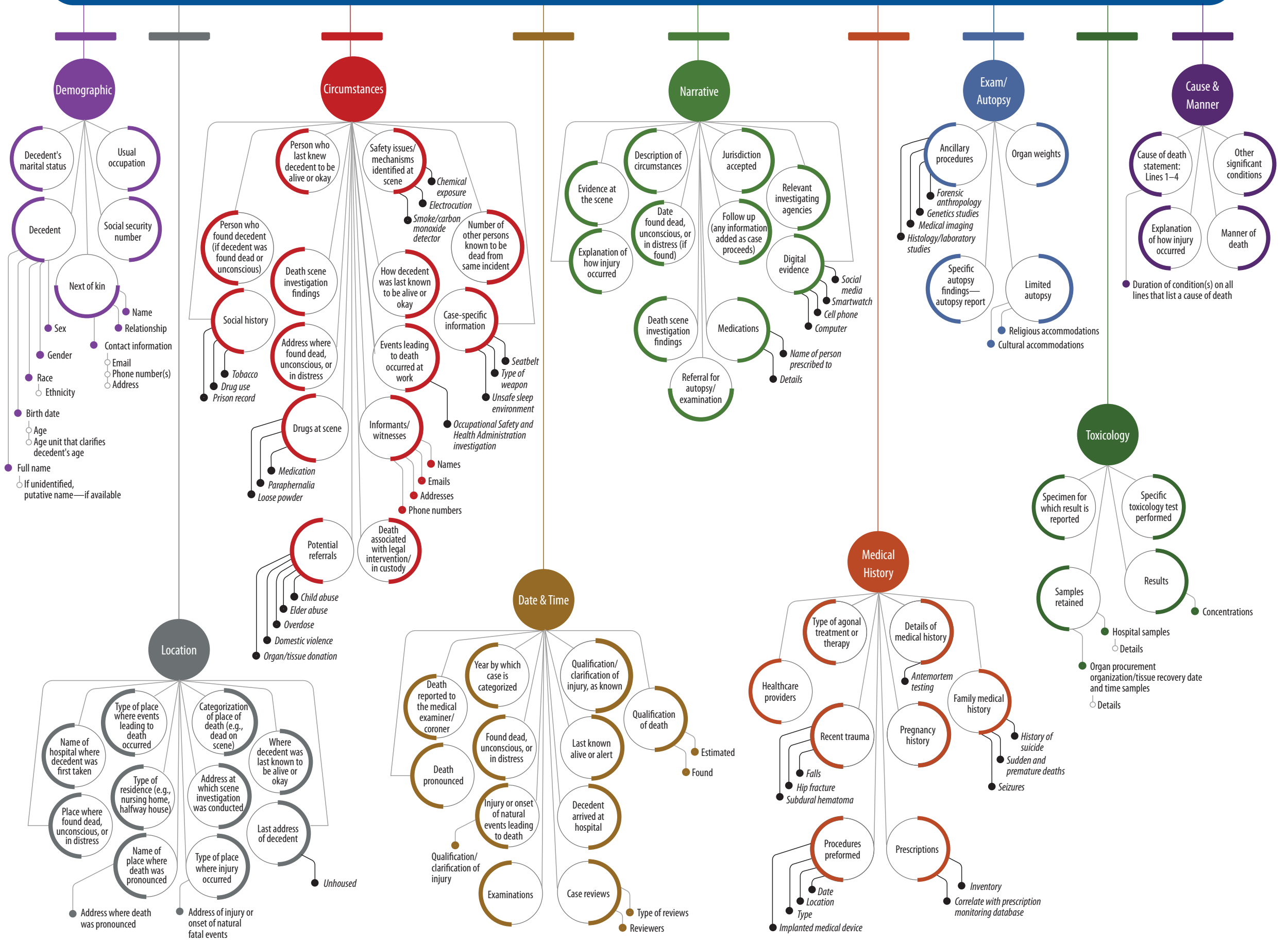


## Appendix A. Medicolegal Death Investigation Frequently Used Data Elements

This appendix provides a graphic on frequently used data elements in medicolegal death investigation (adapted from Parish and Hanzlick<sup>15</sup>).

This graphic shows the final list of data elements that should be collected for every case. This graphic also links these frequently used elements to overarching categories of death investigation and indicates how these elements are integrated into the death investigation process. Italicized items are examples of information that could be provided during an investigation, and standard information is represented in normal text. This graphic can be downloaded and used in agency training to ensure all data are collected. Additionally, the graphic can be used to develop checklists for death investigators, develop programming requirements for data developers to code MDI information, or assist with standardization and consistency among data exchange as part of other resources.

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**Note:** Items represented as small, closed, and colored circles are data elements that should be recorded in every case. Items represented in italics after black dots are examples of data and are not an exhaustive list. From Ropero-Miller, Jeri, Nichole Bynum, Kelly Keyes, Erica Fornaro, and Micaela Ascolese. *Data Exchange Practices of Medicolegal Death Investigation*. Research Triangle Park, NC: RTI International, December 2022.