



These graphics show the elements that should be considered and reported with suspected substance related, drowning, falls, firearms, and SUID cases.

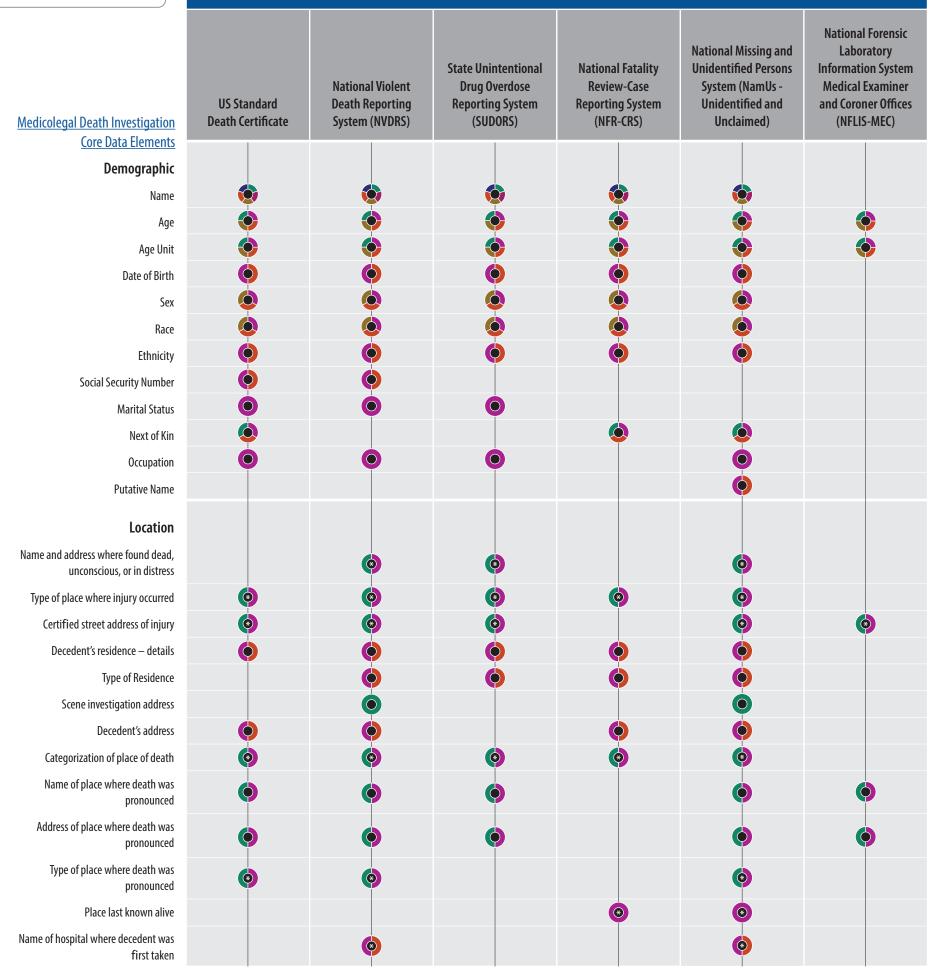
Frequently Used Data Elements Collection Systems and Primary Documentation

This measles chart is intended to provide a graphical representation of government systems that collect similar death investigation data elements. The X axis represents five mortality collection systems, and the Y axis represents the frequently used data elements put together by the MDI-Data-WG. Layered on top of this information are sections of color that correspond to the primary documentation in the upper left-corner of where that information may typically come from (i.e., primary documentation source).

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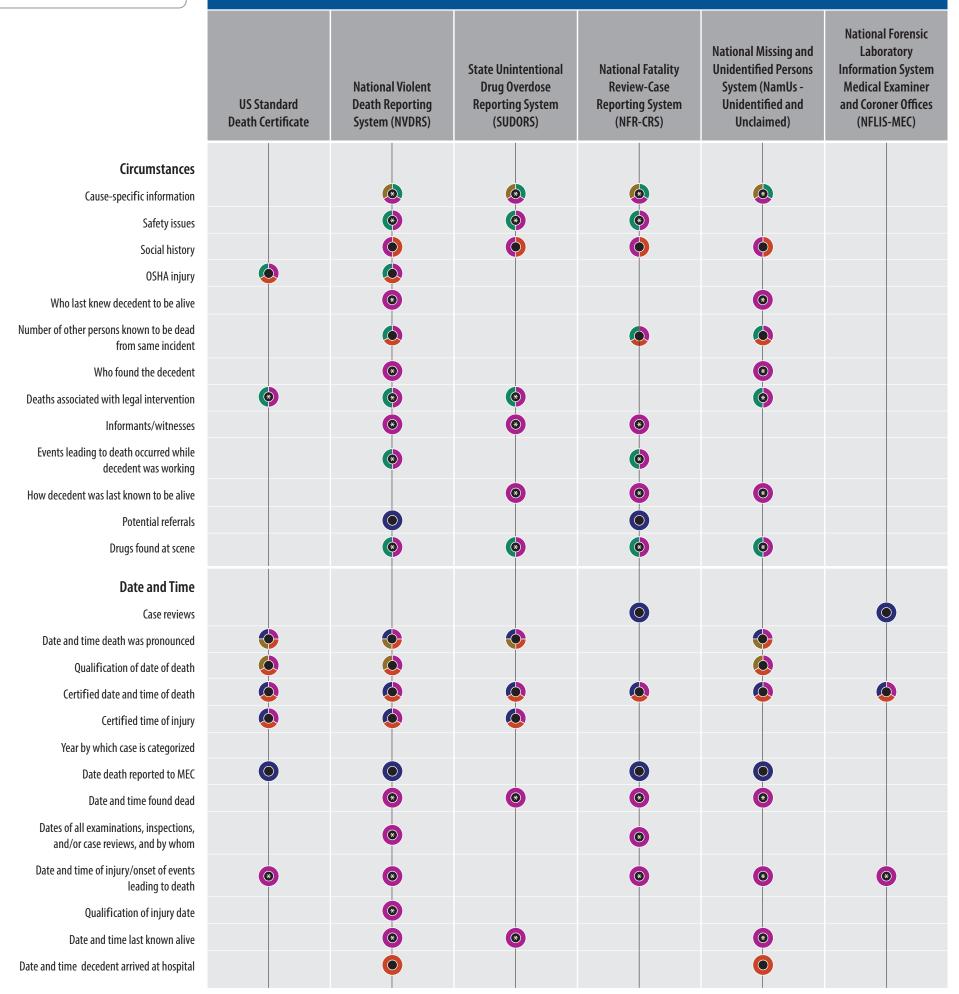
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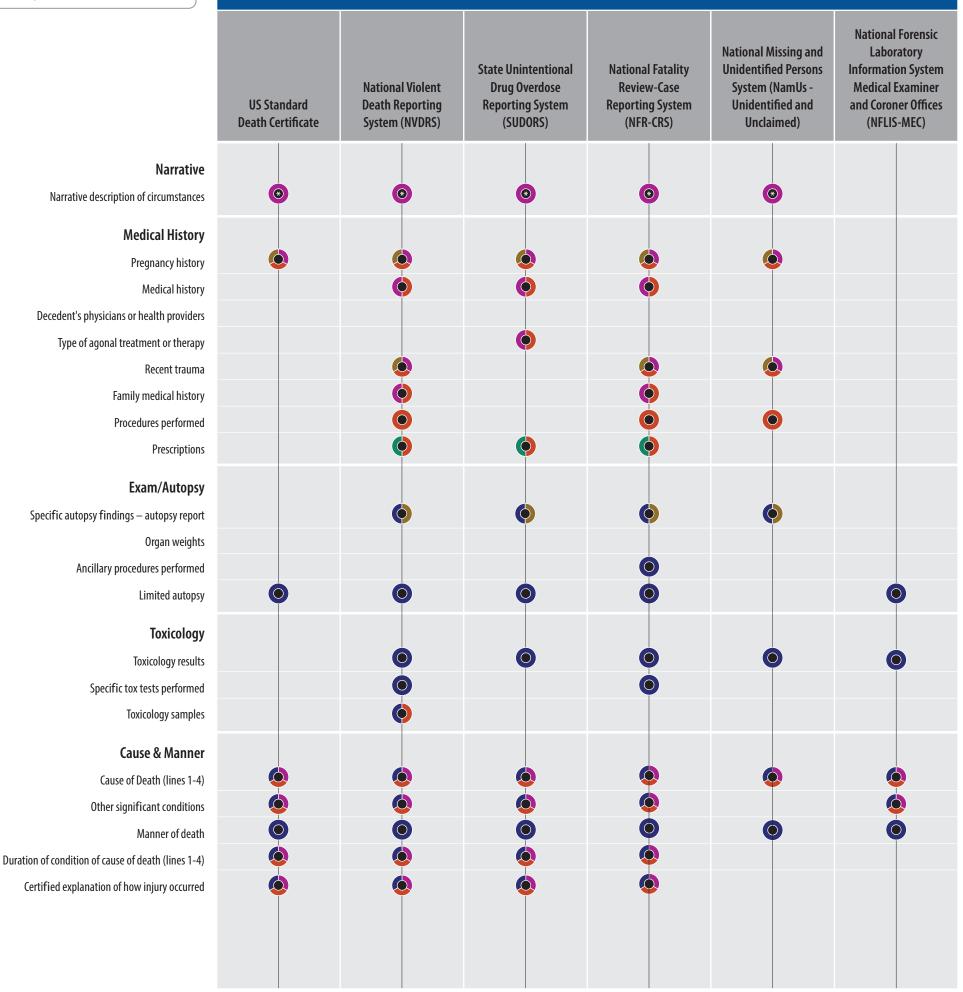
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	US Standard Death Certificate	National Violent Death Reporting System (NVDRS)	State Unintentional Drug Overdose Reporting System (SUDORS)	National Fatality Review-Case Reporting System (NFR-CRS)	National Missing and Unidentified Persons System (NamUs - Unidentified and Unclaimed)	National Forensic Laboratory Information System Medical Examiner and Coroner Offices (NFLIS-MEC)
Case Specific						
Suspected Substance-Related Elements					*	
Suspected Drowning-Related Elements				•	®	
Suspected Fall-Related Elements						
Suspected Sudden Unexplained Infant Death-Related Elements				•		
Suspected Firearm-Related Elements		•		•		

Note: Case-specific data elements captured during an investigation do not stand alone, but rather complement the Medicolegal Death Investigation Frequently Used Data Elements.

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