# **TERMS RELATED TO DEATH**

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#### **General terms**

death:

- exitus, us m. (L); used in clinical terminology
- mors, tis, f. (L); used in pathological anatomy (e.g.) mors thymica
  - =sudden death in young chidren result of infection

\*finis, is, m = the end

• thanat- (G.)

(e.g.) thanatophobia= fear for death



#### **General terms**

death:

- letalis, e / mortalis, e (L) <u>adj.</u> = lethal (e.g.) dosis letalis=lethal dose
  - *\*exitus letalis* = natural death

• necr- (G.) = dead

(e.g.) necrosis; necrophilia







• mors biologica

= a permanent cellular damage resulting from lack of oxygen, which is irreversible



- mors clinica
- = a cessation of blood circulation and
  breathing, which is reversible by
  resuscitation methods



- mors neonatalis
- death of a new-bornup to 10 days after birth



• mors praenatalis

= death of fetus before it startsbreathing independently

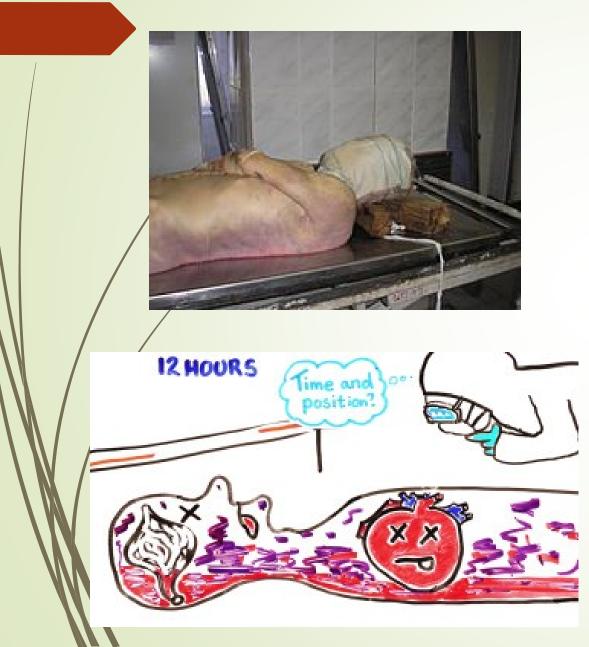


• mors in tabula = death on the operation table

- mors lentissima
  - = very slow death
- mors subita
  - = sudden death



(e.g.) mors subita in tabula =sudden death on the operation table



livor mortis (postmortem hypostasis)

a settling of the blood in the lower (dependent) portion of the body after death.Causing a purplish red discoloration of the skin.
One of the signs of death.

Start:1-2h patch prominent:5-6h Max:12h



- rigor mortis
- post mortem stiffness
  caused by chemical changes
  in muscles.
  one of the recognizable
  signs of death.

Start:2-3h Subside:24h

- in articulo mortis
- = in/at the moment of death



The phrase applies especially to some significant statement that a person consciously makes, such as an admission of guilt or a sudden act of contrition, just as he or she is about to enter eternity.

- moribundus, a, um (Adj)
- = the one who is going to die, dying man (e.g.) gravida moribunda
  - mortuus, a, um (Adj)
- = dead
- (e.g.) digitus mortuus

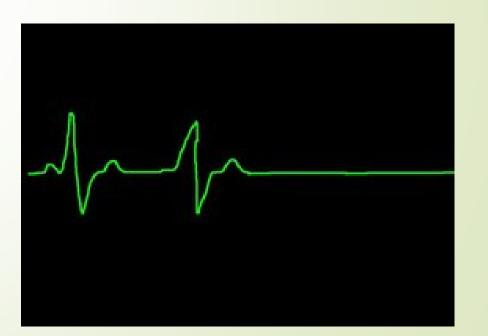
Other terms related to death

in ultimis / in extremis
= in the last moments of life
(e.g.) patiens in extremis



vita minima
weak signs of life





# Question

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- 1 . permanent cellular damage resulting from lack of oxygen... ?
   → mors biologica
- 2. What is mors praenatalis...?
  - →death of fetus before it starts breathing independently



## →livor mortis

