



Palm Beach County Medical Examiner Office
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2001-YEAR END STATISTICS

	<u>YTD</u>
ACCIDENT:	
MOTOR VEHICLE RELATED.....	211
NON MOTOR VEHICLE RELATED.....	<u>354</u>
TOTAL ACCIDENTS	565
HOMICIDE.....	56
NATURAL.....	349
NONCLASSIFIED.....	14
SUICIDE.....	168
UNDETERMINED.....	21
CREMATION APPROVALS.....	5,451
NON MEDICAL EXAMINER CASES INVESTIGATED.....	<u>1,303</u>
TOTAL CASES REFERRED TO THE MEDICAL EXAMINERS OFFICE	7,927
TOTAL AUTOPSIES.....	968
TOTAL INSPECTIONS (VISUAL EXAMINATIONS).....	201
TELEPHONE CASES.....	4
TOTAL CASES INVESTIGATED	1,173
TOTAL INVESTIGATOR SCENES.....	451
TOTAL AFTER HOURS CASES REFERRED TO MEDICAL EXAMINERS OFFICE.....	878
AFTER HOURS CASES INVESTIGATED.....	534
AFTER HOUR INVESTIGATOR SCENES.....	217
DOCTOR SCENES.....	27
MICROSCOPIC STUDIES PERFORMED.....	470
TOXICOLOGY STUDIES PERFORMED.....	823

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ACCIDENT.....	565
MOTOR VEHICLE RELATED.....	211
Bicyclist.....	12
vs. Auto.....	7
vs. Bus.....	1
vs. Passenger Van.....	1
vs. Pickup Truck.....	1
vs. Sport Utility Vehicle.....	1
vs. Truck.....	1
Driver.....	106
Auto, rollover.....	4
Auto vs. Auto.....	15
Auto vs. Auto and Tractor Semitrailer.....	1
Auto vs. Autos and Building.....	1
Auto vs. Autos and Pickup Truck.....	1
Auto vs. Autos and Sport Utility Vehicle.....	1
Auto vs. Bridge Support.....	1
Auto vs. Canal.....	2
Auto vs. Concrete Wall.....	1
Auto vs. Concrete Wall and Tree.....	1
Auto vs. Dump Truck and Passenger Van.....	1
Auto vs. Passenger Van.....	1
Auto vs. Pickup Truck.....	5
Auto vs. Pickup Truck and Sport Utility Vehicle.....	1
Auto vs. Pond.....	1
Auto vs. Railroad Train.....	1
Auto vs. Sport Utility Vehicle.....	2
Auto vs. Sport Utility Vehicle and Pickup Truck.....	1
Auto vs. Tow Truck.....	2
Auto vs. Tractor Semitrailer.....	3
Auto vs. Tractor Semitrailer and Auto.....	2
Auto vs. Tree.....	9
Auto vs. Truck.....	2
Auto vs. Utility Pole.....	6
Mobility Cart vs. Auto.....	1
Motorcycle vs. Auto.....	4
Motorcycle vs. Dump Truck.....	1
Motorcycle vs. Guardrail.....	1
Motorcycle vs. Passenger Van.....	3
Motorcycle vs. Road Sign.....	1
Motorcycle vs. Tractor Semitrailer.....	2
Motorcycle vs Tree.....	1
Passenger Van vs. Tractor Semitrailer.....	1
Passenger Van vs. Tree.....	1
Pickup Truck vs. Auto and Utility Pole.....	1
Pickup Truck vs. Concrete Barrier and Sport Utility Vehicle.....	1
Pickup Truck vs. Flatbed Truck.....	1

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MOTOR VEHICLE RELATED

Driver (Cont.)

Pickup Truck vs. Guardrail.....	1
Pickup Truck vs. Sport Utility Vehicle.....	1
Pickup Truck vs. Tractor Semitrailer.....	2
Pickup Truck vs. Utility Pole.....	1
Pickup Truck vs. Wall.....	1
Sport Utility Vehicle, rollover.....	2
Sport Utility Vehicle vs. Auto.....	1
Sport Utility Vehicle vs. Canal.....	2
Sport Utility Vehicle vs. Pickup Truck and Auto.....	1
Sport Utility Vehicle vs. Sport Utility Vehicle.....	2
Sport Utility Vehicle vs. Tractor Semitrailer.....	1
Sport Utility Vehicle vs. Tree.....	2
Sport Utility Vehicle vs. Utility Pole.....	1
Tractor Semitrailer, rollover.....	2
Tractor Semitrailer vs. Canal.....	1
Tractor Semitrailer vs. Pickup Truck and Canal.....	1
Occupant.....	2
Auto vs. Passenger Van.....	1
Sport Utility Vehicle vs. Tree.....	1
Passenger.....	55
Auto, rollover.....	2
Auto vs. Attenuator and Truck.....	1
Auto vs. Auto.....	13
Auto vs. Autos and Pickup Truck.....	1
Auto vs. Autos and Sport Utility Vehicle.....	2
Auto vs. Pickup Truck.....	4
Auto vs. Pickup Truck and Sport Utility Vehicle.....	1
Auto vs. Railroad Train.....	4
Auto vs. Tractor Semitrailer.....	3
Auto vs. Tree.....	3
Auto vs. Tree and Utility Pole.....	1
Auto vs. Tow Truck.....	1
Auto vs. Truck.....	1
Dump Truck, ejected.....	1
Motorcycle, ejected.....	1
Motorcycle vs. Auto.....	2
Passenger Van, rollover.....	1
Passenger Van vs. Auto.....	2
Passenger Van vs. Passenger Bus and Auto.....	1
Passenger Van vs. Sport Utility Vehicle.....	2
Passenger Van vs. Trees.....	1
Pickup Truck vs. Auto.....	4
Sport Utility Vehicle, ejected.....	1
Sport Utility Vehicle, rollover.....	1
Sport Utility Vehicle vs. Tractor Semitrailer.....	1

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MVA RELATED

Pedestrian.....	36
vs. Auto.....	23
vs. Auto and Sport Utility Vehicle.....	1
vs. Motorcycle.....	1
vs. Multiple Unknown Motor Vehicles.....	1
vs. Passenger Van.....	1
vs. Pickup Truck.....	3
vs. Sport Utility Vehicle.....	5
vs. Unknown Motor Vehicle.....	1

NON MOTOR VEHICLE RELATED.....354

Acute and Chronic Alcohol Abuse.....	1
Acute and Chronic Subdural Hematoma.....	1
Acute Bronchopneumonia.....	4
Acute Bronchopneumonia and Pulmonary Edema.....	1
Acute Cocaine and Opiate Toxicity.....	1
Acute Cocaine Toxicity.....	6
Acute Encephalopathy.....	1
Acute Ethanol Toxicity.....	3
Acute Ethanolism.....	1
Acute Heroin Toxicity.....	2
Acute Hydrocodone and Alcohol Toxicity.....	1
Acute Left Subdural Hematoma.....	1
Acute Methadone Toxicity.....	3
Acute Mixed Drug Toxicity.....	3
Acute Morphine and Alprazolam Toxicity.....	1
Acute Morphine Toxicity.....	2
Acute Necrotizing Bilateral Pneumonia.....	1
Acute Oxycodone Toxicity.....	1
Acute Subdural Hematoma with Herniation.....	1
Alcohol and Chlordiazepoxide Intoxication.....	1
Arteriosclerotic and Hypertensive Cardiovascular Disease.....	1
Asphyxia.....	4
Aspirated Food.....	1
Aspiration of Blood.....	1
Aspiration Pneumonia.....	1
Atherosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease.....	1
Bilateral Aspiration Pneumonia.....	1
Blunt Chest Trauma.....	1
Blunt Craniocerebral Trauma.....	2
Blunt Force Trauma.....	2
Blunt Head Trauma.....	11
Bronchopneumonia.....	2
Carbon Monoxide Intoxication.....	2
Carbon Monoxide Poisoning.....	1
Cardiac Arrest.....	1
Cardiomegaly, Hypertensive Type.....	1
Cardiorespiratory Arrest.....	1

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ACCEDENT, (cont.)

NON MOTOR VEHICLE RELATED

Choked on Food.....	1
Closed Head Injury.....	3
Cocaine and Diphenhydramine Toxicity.....	1
Cocaine and Heroin Toxicity.....	1
Cocaine and Methadone Toxicity.....	1
Cocaine and Morphine Overdose.....	1
Cocaine and Morphine Toxicity.....	1
Cocaine Toxicity.....	6
Cocaine Overdose.....	1
Combined Drug and Alcohol Toxicity.....	1
Combined Drug Overdose.....	4
Combined Drug Toxicity.....	35
Complications of Acetaminophen Overdose.....	1
Complications of Acute Subdural Hematoma.....	2
Complications of Anesthesia during Eye Surgery.....	1
Complications of Blunt Head Trauma.....	25
Complications of C2-C3 Fractures.....	1
Complications of Cervical Vertebral Fracture.....	1
Complications of Chronic Renal Failure.....	1
Complications of Closed Head Injury and Left Hip Fracture.....	1
Complications of Combined Drug Toxicity.....	1
Complications of Epidural Hematoma.....	1
Complications of Food Aspiration.....	1
Complications of Hip Fracture.....	2
Complications of L1, L2 Compression Fractures.....	1
Complications of Left Hip Fracture.....	9
Complications of Left Rib Fractures.....	1
Complications of Metastatic Bile Duct Carcinoma.....	1
Complications of Multiple Blunt Trauma.....	1
Complications of Prematurity.....	1
Complications of Right Femur.....	1
Complications of Right Hip Fracture.....	9
Complications of Subdural Hematoma.....	4
Complications of Vertebral Fracture.....	1
Coronary Atherosclerotic Disease.....	1
Craniocerebral Injury.....	1
Dilated Cardiomyopathy.....	1
Drowning.....	29
Atlantic Ocean.....	9
Bathtub.....	2
Canal.....	3
Hot Tub.....	1
Lake.....	4
Swimming Pool.....	9
Pond.....	1
Electrocution.....	6
End Stage Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease.....	1
Ethanol and Oxycodone Toxicity.....	2
Exsanguination.....	1

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NON MOTOR VEHICLE RELATED

Food Aspiration.....	2
Functional Decline.....	1
Gamma Hydroxybutyrate Toxicity.....	1
Heat Stroke.....	1
Hemoperitoneum.....	1
Heroin Intoxication.....	2
Heroin Toxicity.....	4
Hydrocodone Toxicity.....	2
Hypertensive and Atherosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease.....	1
Hypertensive Cardiovascular Disease.....	3
Inhalation of Products of Combustion.....	4
Intracranial Hemorrhage.....	2
Intracerebral Hemorrhage.....	2
Left Hemothorax.....	1
Left Subdural Hematoma.....	3
Mechanical Compression Asphyxia.....	1
Metastatic Breast Cancer.....	1
Methadone Toxicity.....	1
Methadone Toxicity with Acute Bronchopneumonia.....	1
Morphine and Cocaine Toxicity.....	1
Morphine Overdose.....	1
Morphine Toxicity.....	5
Multi Drug Overdose.....	3
Multiorgan Failure.....	4
Multiorgan Failure and Sepsis.....	1
Multiorgan System Failure.....	3
Multiple Blunt Trauma.....	3
Multiple Drug Intoxication.....	1
Multiple Drug Toxicity.....	24
Multiple Organ Failure.....	1
Non-Traumatic Subarachnoid Hemorrhage.....	1
Oxycodone Overdose.....	1
Oxycodone Toxicity.....	2
Pneumonia.....	1
Polydrug Toxicity.....	12
Positional Asphyxia.....	3
Pulmonary Embolism.....	1
Pulmonary Thromboemboli.....	1
Respiratory Arrest.....	1
Respiratory Failure.....	1
Respiratory Complications of Blunt Head Trauma.....	1
Right Hemothorax.....	1
Right Pulmonary Thromboembolism.....	1
Right Subdural Hematoma.....	1
Seizure Disorder.....	1
Subdural and Right Frontal Lobe Hemorrhage.....	1
Subdural Hematoma.....	5

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NON MOTOR VEHICLE RELATED (cont.)

- Submersion in Water.....1
- Canal.....1
- Thermal Injuries.....1
- Traumatic Head Injuries.....1

***MEO 010969-Hypertensive and Atherosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease-Natural was reclassified as Hypertensive and Atherosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease, Accident on December 11, 2001**

HOMICIDE.....56

- Acute Myocardial Infarction.....1
- Anthrax Infection.....1
- Closed Head Injury.....1
- Chronic Aspiration Pneumonia.....1
- Complications of Blunt Head Trauma.....1
- Gunshot Wound of Abdomen.....1
- Gunshot Wound of Back and Neck.....1
- Gunshot Wound of Back, Liver and Heart.....1
- Gunshot Wound of Chest.....8
- Gunshot Wound of Head.....12
- Gunshot Wound of Head and Brain.....1
- Gunshot Wounds (3) of Head and Brain.....1
- Gunshot Wound to Back.....2
- Gunshot Wound to Head.....3
- Gunshot Wounds of Chest and Abdomen.....1
- Gunshot Wounds of Head.....1
- Ligature Strangulation.....1
- Multiple Blunt Force Injuries.....2
- Multiple Gunshot Wounds.....9
- Multiple Injuries.....1
- Multiple Organ System Failure.....1
- Multiple Stab and Incised Wounds.....1
- Stab Wound of Chest.....2
- Stab Wound of the Chest.....1
- Stab Wound to Chest, Heart and Aorta.....1

NATURAL.....349

- Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome.....1
- Acute Bronchopneumonia.....1
- Acute Coronary Thrombosis.....2
- Acute Leukemia.....1
- Acute Myelocytic Leukemia.....1
- Acute Myocardial Infarct.....1
- Acute Myocardial Infarction.....3
- Acute Necrotizing Pneumonia.....1
- Acute Subarachnoid Hemorrhage.....1
- Amniotic Fluid Embolism.....1
- Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis.....1
- Anomalous Right Coronary Artery.....1

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NATURAL (cont.)

Arteriosclerotic and Hypertensive Cardiovascular Disease.....	4
Arteriosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease.....	86
Arteriosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease with Cardiomegaly.....	1
Arteriosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease with Focal Myocardial Fibrosis.....	2
Atherosclerotic and Hypertensive Cardiovascular Disease.....	2
Atherosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease.....	31
Autoimmune Deficiency Syndrome.....	1
Bilateral Fungal and Bacterial Bronchopneumonia.....	1
Bipolar Disorder, Manic Phase.....	1
Bronchopneumonia.....	1
Cancer of Pancreas.....	1
Cardiac Arrhythmia.....	1
Cardiac Tamponade.....	2
Cardiomegaly.....	2
Cardiomegaly, Hypertensive Type.....	4
Cerebrovascular Accident.....	1
Chronic Alcohol Abuse.....	1
Chronic Alcoholism.....	5
Chronic Ethanolism.....	4
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease.....	7
Cirrhosis.....	1
Complications of AIDS.....	1
Complications of Cholecystectomy.....	1
Complications of Chronic Alcohol Abuse.....	5
Complications of Chronic Alcoholism.....	2
Complications of Congestive Heart Disease.....	1
Complications of Diabetes Mellitus.....	1
Complications of Withdrawal Syndrome.....	1
Congestive Heart Failure.....	1
Coronary Arteriosclerosis with Cardiac Hypertrophy.....	2
Coronary Artery Disease.....	1
Coronary Atherosclerosis and Cardiomegaly.....	1
Coronary Atherosclerotic Disease.....	2
Coronary Thrombosis.....	1
Critical Coronary Atherosclerosis.....	5
Dementia.....	1
Diabetes Mellitus.....	1
Diabetic Ketoacidosis.....	1
Dilated Cardiomyopathy.....	3
Dilated Cardiomyopathy with Myocardial Scarring.....	1
Down Syndrome.....	1
End Stage Dementia.....	1
End Stage Emphysema.....	1
Epilepsy.....	2
Epileptic Seizure Disorder.....	1
Exsanguination.....	1
Fatal Cardiac Arrhythmia.....	1
Fatty Change of Liver.....	1
Gastrointestinal Hemorrhage.....	1
Group A Streptococcal Bacteremia.....	1

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NATURAL (cont.)

HIV Meningoencephalitis.....	1
Hemopericardium.....	5
Hepatocellular Cancer.....	1
Hypertensive and Arteriosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease.....	2
Hypertensive and Atherosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease.....	3
Hypertensive and Valvular Cardiovascular Disease.....	1
Hypertensive Atherosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease.....	1
Hypertensive Cardiovascular Disease.....	24
Hypertensive Cardiovascular Disease with Focal Myocardial Fibrosis.....	1
Hypertensive Heart Disease.....	5
Hypertrophic and Dilated Cardiomyopathy.....	1
Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy.....	4
Incipient Bronchopneumonia.....	1
Infective Endocarditis.....	1
Insulin Dependent Diabetes Mellitus.....	1
Intra Abdominal Hemorrhage.....	1
Intracerebral Hemorrhage.....	1
Intrathoracic Hemorrhage.....	1
Intestinal Obstruction.....	1
Ischemic Heart Disease.....	2
Left Cerebrovascular Accident.....	1
Left-Sided Diaphragmatic Hernia.....	1
Lobar Pneumonia.....	2
Lung Cancer.....	1
Lymphoma.....	1
Massive Cardiomegaly and Coronary Atherosclerosis.....	1
Massive Gastrointestinal Hemorrhage.....	2
Massive Pulmonary Thromboembolism.....	1
Meningioma.....	1
Metastatic Adenocarcinoma of the Prostate Gland.....	1
Metastatic Breast Cancer.....	1
Metastatic Cancer of the Right Lung.....	1
Metastatic Carcinoma.....	1
Metastatic Colon Cancer.....	1
Metastatic Prostate Cancer.....	1
Mitral Valve Prolapse.....	1
Mixomatous and Hypertrophic Heart Disease.....	1
Morbid Obesity.....	2
Multi Organ System Failure.....	3
Multiple Bilateral Brain Abscesses.....	1
Myocarditis.....	1
Nontraumatic Subarachnoid Hemorrhage.....	1
Obstructive Uropathy.....	1
Old Age with probable Arteriosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease.....	1
Organ Failure and Sepsis.....	1
Pericardial Tamponade.....	1
Persistent Truncus Arteriosus.....	1
Pneumonia.....	2
Pregnancy Induced Hypertension.....	1
Pulmonary Embolus.....	2

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NATURAL (cont.)

Pulmonary Thromboembolism.....1
Renal and Hepatic Failure.....1
Respiratory Complications of Pneumonia.....1
Right Basal Ganglia Hemorrhage, Hypertensive Type.....1
Right Foot Gangrene.....1
Right Hemorrhagic Cerebrovascular Accident.....1
Right Subdural Hematoma and Massive Subarachnoid Hemorrhage.....1
Ruptured Aortic Aneurysm.....1
Seizure Disorder.....1
Sepsis.....2
Sepsis and Disseminated Intravascular Coagulopathy.....1
Septic Sock and Peritonitis.....1
Severe Atherosclerotic Heart Disease.....1
Severe Chronic Pulmonary Emphysema.....1
Severe Coronary Atherosclerosis.....5
Severe Coronary Atherosclerotic Disease.....4
Small Bowel Infarction.....1
Spontaneous Cardiac Arrhythmia.....1
Steatosis with Hepatitis.....1
Subarachnoid Hemorrhage.....3
Sudden Cardiac Arrhythmia.....1
Sudden Cardiac Death.....1
Sudden Infant Death Syndrome.....2
Sudden Unexpected Death in Infancy.....1
Systemic Lupus Hemorrhage.....1
Upper Gastrointestinal Hemorrhage.....1

*MEO 010635-Acute Myocardial Infarction, Natural was reclassified to Acute Hydrocodone Toxicity, Suicide on October 29, 2001.

*MEO 010934-Hypertensive Cardiovascular Disease, Natural was reclassified to Hypertensive Cardiovascular Disease, Undetermined on May 7, 2002.

*MEO 010969-Hypertensive and Atherosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease, Natural was reclassified to Hypertensive and Atherosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease, Accident on December 11, 2001

NONCLASSIFIED.....14

Human Bones.....1
Intrauterine Fetal Demise.....1
Nonhuman Bone.....2
Nonhuman Bones.....4
Nonhuman Remains.....5
Unidentified Human Bones.....1

SUICIDE.....168

Acute Carbon Monoxide Poisoning.....1
Acute Hydrocodone Toxicity.....1
Amitriptyline Toxicity.....1

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SUICIDE (cont.)

Asphyxia.....	1
Asphyxiation.....	2
Atherosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease.....	1
Barbiturate Overdose.....	1
Carbon Monoxide Intoxication.....	4
Carbon Monoxide Poisoning.....	3
Carbon Monoxide Toxicity.....	2
Combined Drug Overdose.....	1
Combined Drug Toxicity.....	2
Complications of Ingestion of Caustic Solution.....	1
Complications of Ingestion of Toxic Substances.....	1
Complications of Multiple Stab Wounds.....	1
Diazion Poisoning.....	1
Digoxin Toxicity.....	1
Drug Overdose.....	1
Ethanol and Alprazolam Toxicity.....	1
Exsanguination.....	1
Drowning.....	3
Atlantic Ocean.....	1
Canal.....	1
Swimming Pool.....	1
Drowning and Exsanguination.....	1
Bath tub.....	1
Ethylene Glycol Toxicity.....	2
Exsanguination.....	1
Gunshot Wound of Chest.....	4
Gunshot Wound of Head.....	52
Gunshot Wound of Head and Brain.....	3
Gunshot Wound to Head.....	5
Gunshot Wound to Head and Neck.....	1
Gunshot Wound to Neck.....	1
Hanging.....	29
Heroin Overdose.....	1
Incised Wound of Wrist.....	1
Intra-oral Gunshot Wound.....	1
Intraoral Gunshot Wound of Head.....	1
Multi Organ Failure.....	1
Multiple Blunt Trauma.....	8
Multiple Blunt Traumatic Injuries.....	1
Multiple Drug Toxicity.....	11
Phenytoin and Pentobarbital Toxicity.....	1
Plastic Bag Asphyxiation.....	1
Polydrug Toxicity.....	4
Self Administration of Insulin.....	1
Shotgun Wound of Chest.....	1
Shotgun Wound of Chest and Abdomen.....	1
Shotgun Wound of Head.....	1
Smothering.....	1
Undetermined.....	1
Zolpidem Toxicity.....	1

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UNDETERMINED.....21

Anoxia.....1

Asphyxia.....1

Blunt Force Trauma.....1

Combined Drug Toxicity.....1

Complications of Intravenous Bolus of Propofol.....1

Drowning.....3

 Bath tub.....1

 Canal.....1

 Swimming Pool.....1

Exsanguination.....1

Gunshot Wound of Head.....2

Gunshot Wounds of Head and Brain.....1

Hanging.....1

Hypertensive Cardiovascular Disease.....1

Multiple Blunt Traumatic Injuries.....1

Sudden Unexpected Death in Infancy.....1

Sudden Unexpected Death in Infancy; Co-Sleeping with Mother.....1

Sudden Unexpected Death of Infant Co-Sleeping with Adult.....1

Undetermined.....3

* MEO 010934 – Hypertensive Cardiovascular Disease, Natural was reclassified to Hypertensive Cardiovascular Disease, Undermined in May 7, 2002