

# Glossary:Antecedent cause

Statistics Explained

An **antecedent cause** is any disease or condition which has given rise to another disease or condition in the morbid (sickness-related) train of events leading to death.

## Related concepts

- [Avoidable cause of death](#)
- [Cause of death](#)
- [Competing cause of death](#)
- [Contributory cause of death](#)
- [Death certificate](#)
- [External cause of death](#)

## Statistical data

- [Causes of death statistics](#)

## Source

- [Australian Bureau of Statistics](#)