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# DEATH

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# Death

**In death lies the final truth.**

**Truth conquers in all matters.**

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# General terms

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# DEATH

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## Latin

Exitus, us, m.

Mors, tis, f.

Finis, is, m.

Letalis, e

Mortalis, e

## Greek

Thanat- (θάνατος)

Necr- (νεκρός)

Terms derived from mors



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# Mors biologica

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



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# Mors clinica

a cessation of blood circulation and breathing, which is reversible by resuscitation methods

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# Mors in tabula

Death on the operation table





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**Mors subita**

Sudden death

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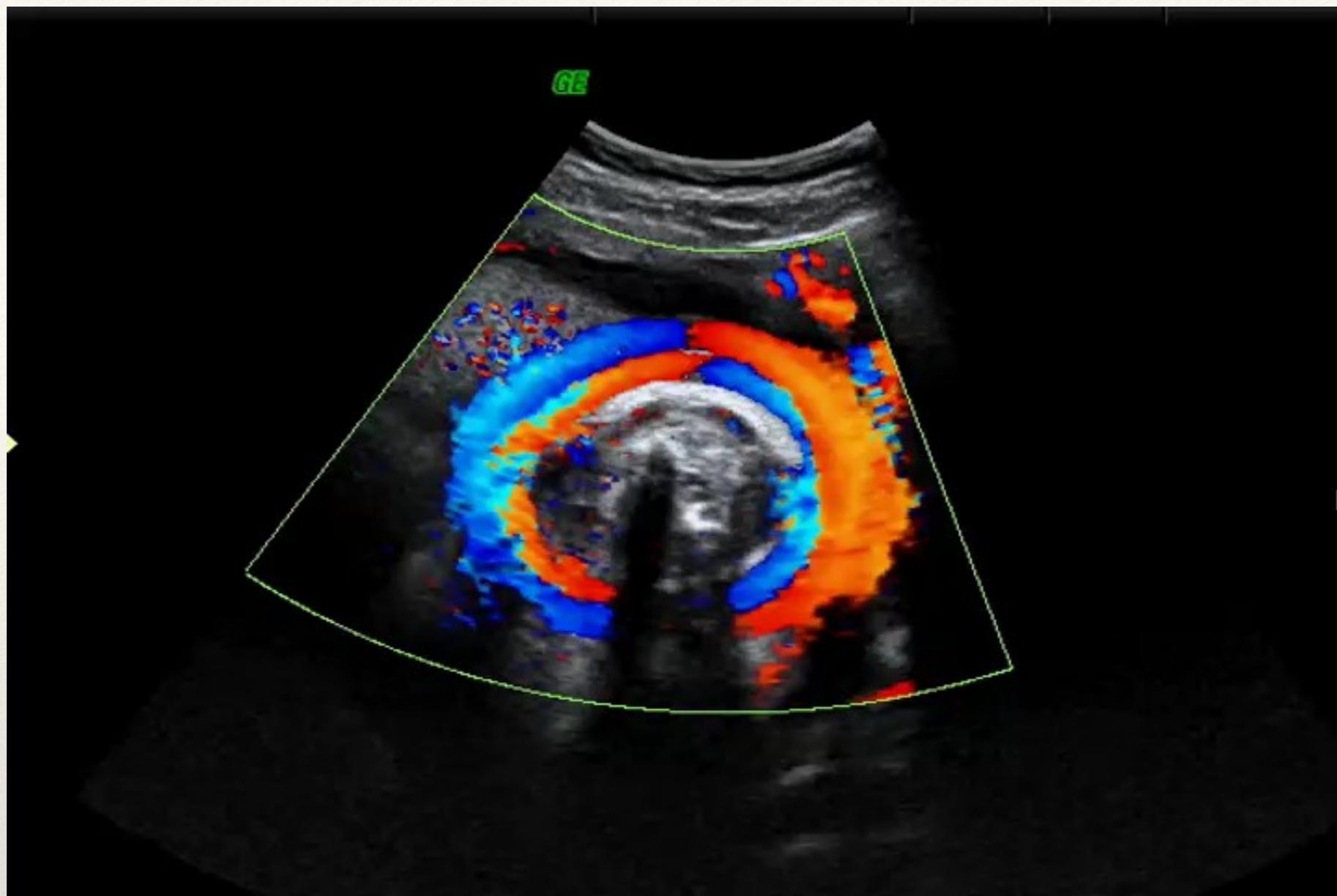


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**Mors lentissima**

Very slow death

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# Mors praenatalis

Death of fetus before it starts breathing independently

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# Mors neonatalis

Death of a new-born up to 10 days after birth

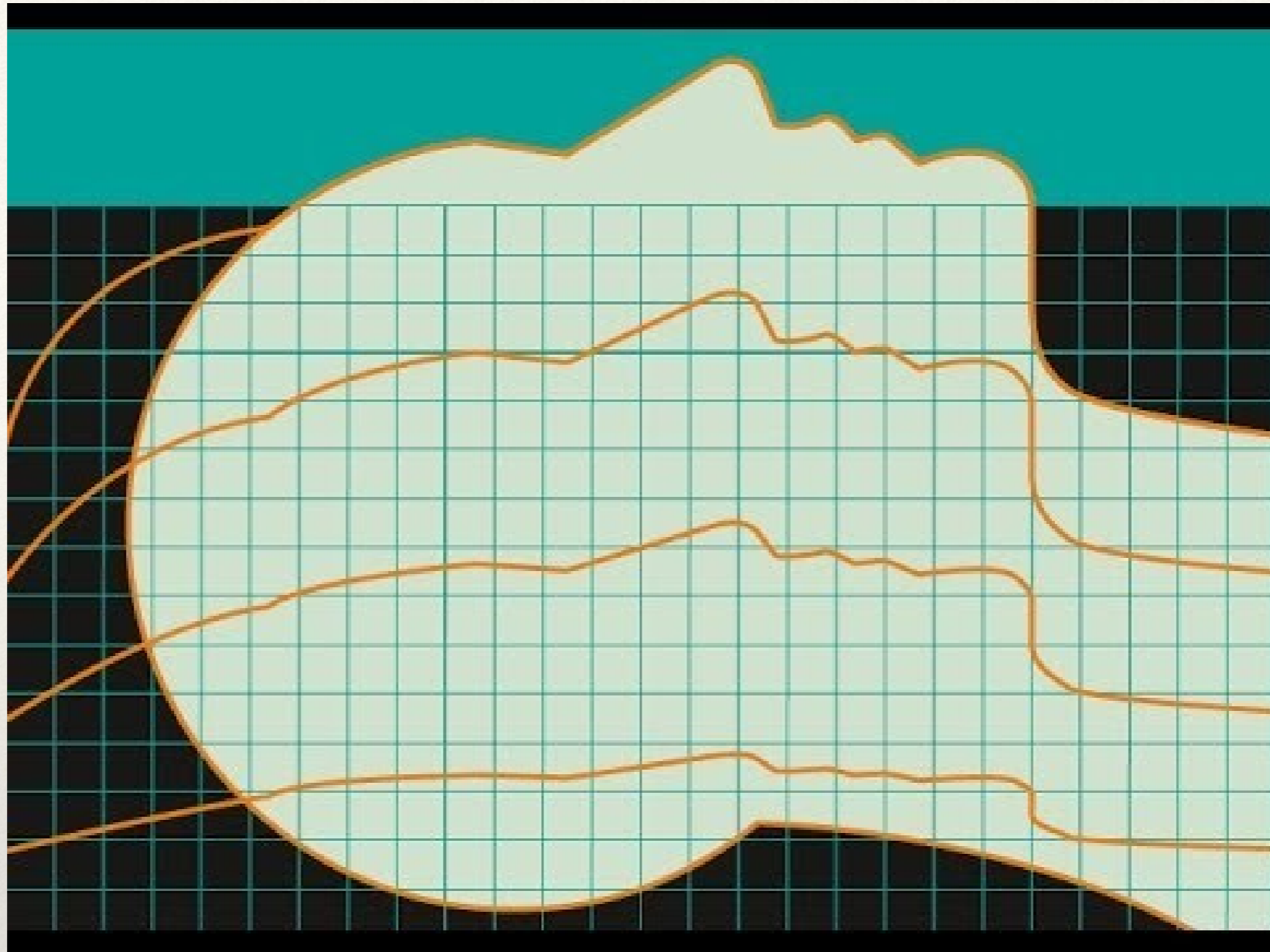
As we approach death



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**Moribundus, a,  
um**

The one who is going to die,  
dying man



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# Vita minima

weak signs of the life



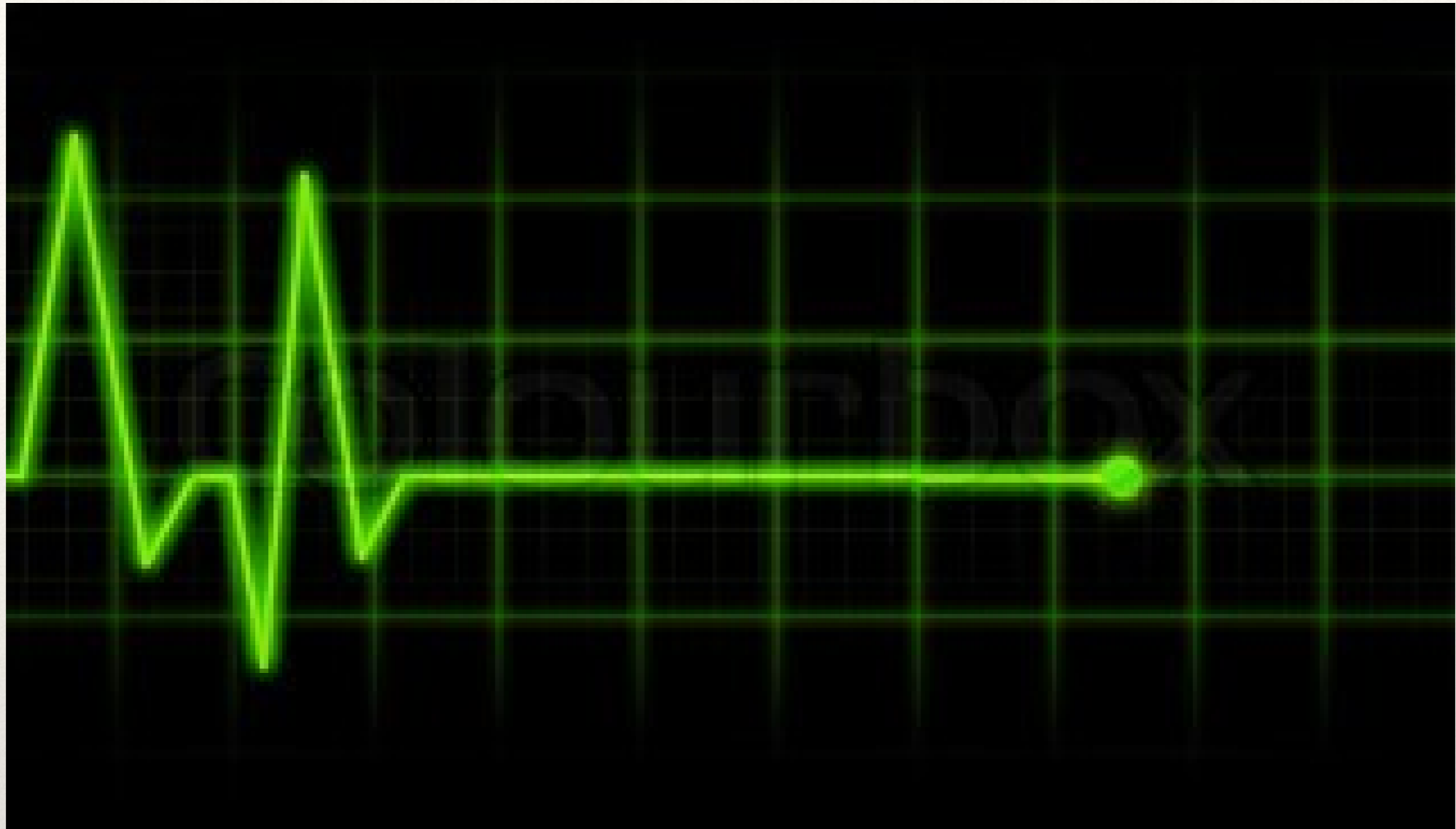
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**In ultimis/  
in extremis**

in the last moments of life

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**In articulo mortis**

in the moment of the death



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**Mortuus, a, um**

Dead

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# The stages of death

1. Pallor mortis
2. Algor mortis
3. Rigor mortis
4. Livor mortis
5. Putrefaction
6. Decomposition
7. Skeletonization  
Fossilization



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**Pallor mortis**

Paleness post mortem

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# Algor mortis

The change of the body temperature post mortem until ambient temperature is matched

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# Rigor mortis

Post mortem stiffness caused by chemical changes in muscles, it subsides after 24h

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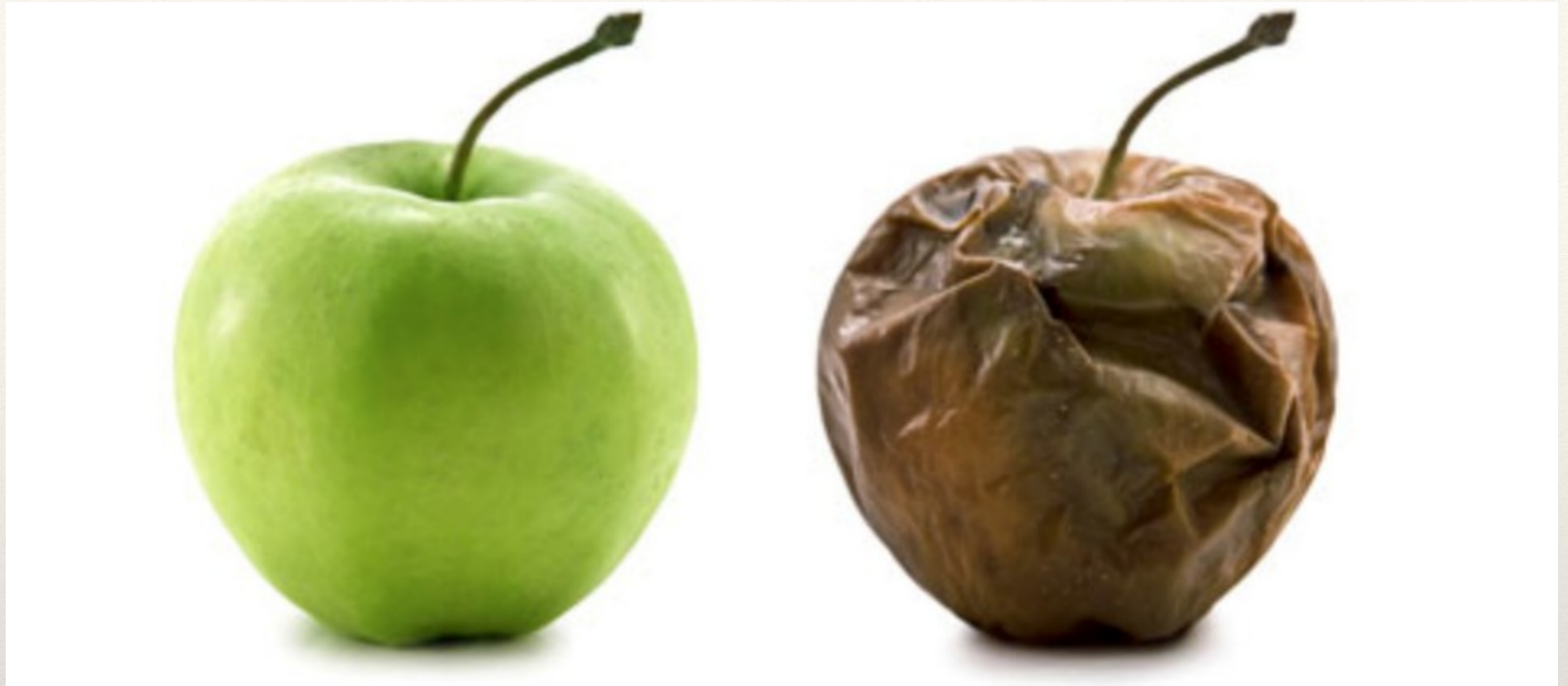


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# Livor mortis

A settling of the blood in the lower (dependent) portion of the body after death causing a purplish red discolouration of the skin

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# Putrefaction

Putrefactio, onis, f

When the organism begins to decay or rot

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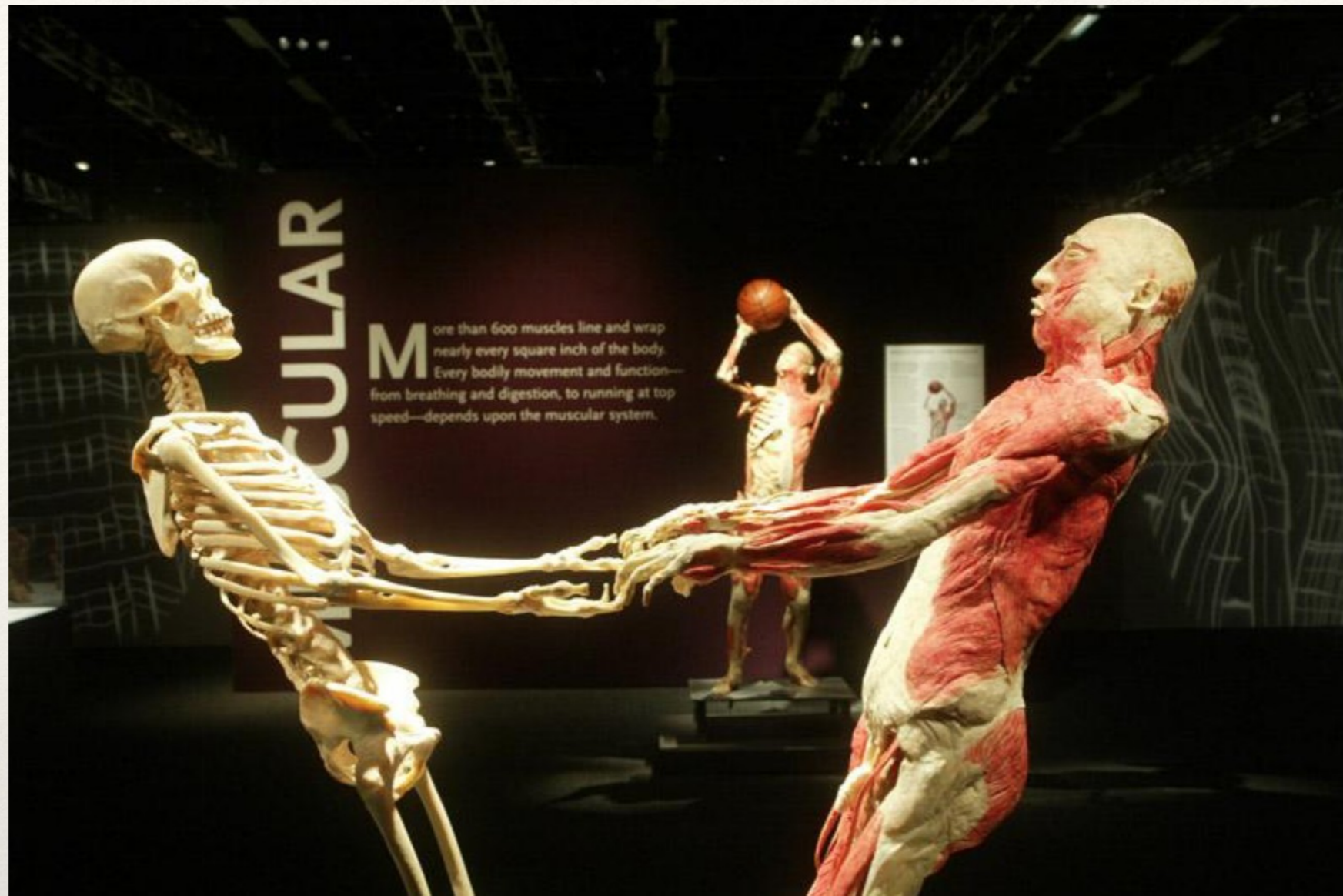
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# Decomposition

Compositio, onis, f.

The organism begins to break down into simpler organic substances that can be used as nutrients for other organisms

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# Skeletonization

The remaining tissue of the organism continues to decay until just the skeleton remains

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Quiz

What declension is mors and  
how is it declined?

What is the meaning of rigor mortis?

What is the difference between  
mors biologica and mors clinica?

Translate this sentence:  
Mors subita propter embolum  
pulmonalem

What does exitus letalis  
mean?



Finis, is, m

