Orange Child Death Review Team
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● What is CDRT?
● Review suicides and identify risk factors for completed suicide
● Use of CDRT to acutely recognize increase in suicide rates in Orange County


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Children's Hospital LOS ANGELES
Total cases: 861 (+15% from Q1 2021)
- Accident: 397 (+19%)
- Homicide: 21 (+10%)
- Suicide: 74 (+47%)
- Natural: 350 (0%)

Manner of Death:
- Accidents: 197
- Homicides: 21
- Suicide: 74
- Natural: 350
- Undetermined: 9

Accidents:
Unintentional prescription and illicit drug-related deaths increased in Q2 2022 by 57% of all accidental deaths when compared to the same time frame in Q1 2022. Traffic-related deaths accounted for 100% while falls were at 98%.

Homicides:
10% increase
- Total deaths: 21

Suicides:
Decrease in suicides compared to Q1 2021
- Total deaths: 74

Natural:
- Total deaths: 350

The work of the Coroners Office is largely based on Section 7796, which states that all unnatural deaths, including homicides, suicides, accidents, and deaths in custody are under the coroner/medical examiner’s jurisdiction to investigate. All deaths in the state or local institutions, and deaths believed to be natural but that occurred suddenly and unexpectedly where the decedent had not seen their health care provider in the last 20 days of life. Note: All deaths that fall under Section 7796 are also subject to whether the facts indicate the death occurred under natural conditions and the physician of record has sufficient knowledge to reasonably state the cause of death occurred under natural circumstances. Therefore, not every death that falls under one of these categories will be investigated by the Coroner's office. See Code 27962.
Mental Health Connection

- Majority with hx depression/SI
- Many known to friends/family
- Some under current treatment at time of suicide
- Significant number with no previous history but with life stressors (social/school)
- Developmental disorders