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**Article Title:** Characteristics of Deaths With Evidence of Pathological Hoarding in Cook County 2017 to 2018

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1. What is the difference between hoarding disorder and hoarding behaviors?
2. What older terms were used to describe hoarding and what characteristics defined them?
3. What is the Clutter-Hoarding scale?
4. In addition to the scene, what else might medicolegal death investigators use to determine the presence of absence of hoarding behaviors?
5. What were the most common characteristics of hoarders in this study?
6. How did the characteristics of hoarders in this study compare to similar studies?
7. What might account for differences seen between this study and previous studies on hoarders?
8. How might hoarding cause or contribute to death?
9. Could hoarding behavior contribute to a natural death? How?
10. Why is it important for medicolegal death investigators to recognize hoarding behavior as part of a death investigation?
11. What risks might be present for an investigator or first responder attending a death scene at a hoarder home? How might those risks be mitigated?