The ball pit of death.

Leading causes of death in the U.S., 2011

Heart disease and cancer remain the leading causes of death in the United States as they have been throughout most of the 20th century. From 2001 to 2011 there has been significant declines in heart disease (-6.6%) and stroke (-2%), while respiratory disease (+0.5%), accidental (+0.9%), and Alzheimer’s (+1.5%) deaths have risen slightly.