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n.

A dead body, especially one intended for dissection.

[Middle English, from Latin *cadāver*, from *cadere*, to fall, die; see **kad-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

ca·dav er·ic (-ər-ĭk) *adj.*

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