

11. Pathology

Clinical history

A clinical history was incorporated into the autopsy report in 84% (37/44) of cases, and qualitatively was satisfactory or better in 81% (30/37) of those. The unsatisfactory reports failed to indicate the clinical questions being addressed, confused the dates of events, omitted mention of MRSA, or were so short as to be unhelpful, for example "This man was admitted with breathlessness".