

# 11. Pathology

## External descriptions of the cadaver

Only 7% (3/44) were unsatisfactory, usually being too telegraphically short. Since the patients came from ICU and all had lines inserted at some stage during admission, one expects that the lines and other devices should have been left in the body pending the autopsy and that all descriptions would include mention of such lines instead of in only 73% (32/44) of reports.