

# 11. Pathology

## MRSA infection

From the clinical data, 2/44 of the autopsied patients had known MRSA infection at time of death. In neither of the autopsy reports was this mentioned anywhere. In one case, the cause of death was “chronic lung disease with lung abscess (unspecified)”. Given the current concern about hospital-acquired infection rates and morbidity, and MRSA in particular, pathologists should be beholden to present a considered assessment of the attributable contribution of MRSA to the sequence of events leading to death. The evidence is important for reasons of public health.