

3. Results of study

Autopsy report

Schedule 2 of the Coroners Rules⁶ lists the data that should be in the report made to a coroner by a pathologist who has performed an autopsy. The traditional autopsy report that pathologists use from training onwards has a somewhat different structure: demographic data, history of the patient's illness, external examination, internal examination, additional investigations (e.g. histopathology of tissue samples), cause of death, clinicopathological correlation. In this section, that order is followed for presentation of the results and discussion.