

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION RESPONSE

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Autopsy

1. How many in percentage terms are your deceased body autopsies also having skull autopsy or brain organ autopsy?

The deceased patients next of kin are requested to give consent for either a full or partial post mortem. I would suggest you see the Human Tissue Authority website for further information.

2. Are there orders given to pathologist by someone else saying that the skull or brain organ autopsies are required?

Dependent upon the level of autopsy required or consented to. I would refer you in the first instance to the Human Tissue Authority website.

3. When skull autopsy or brain organ autopsies are done, what percentage have tissues taken for histology examination?

This is not data that we collect - I would refer you to the Human Tissue Authority website for information about post mortem activities in general.

4. After the autopsy what is the skull sealed with?

I would recommend you purchase one of the many texts referring to autopsy technique for information on how this can be achieved.

5. After the skull is sealed are the skull autopsy lines visible?

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6. Where is the skull sawn from where to where?

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7. How many skull autopsies in percentage terms have the brain organ removed for later examination?

I'm sorry, I don't understand this question.

8. Suppose there is not a skull autopsy or brain organ autopsy permission required by the pathologist, then what is the criteria for doing it?

I would refer you to a textbook of autopsy technique or possibly the Human Tissue Authority website.

9. Are hospital records read first by the pathologists before doing any sort of autopsies?

Guidelines for the correct performance of autopsies are produced by the Human Tissue Authority and the Royal College of Pathologists, I would refer you to these.

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