

Autopsy Reporting System

Project summary: We have developed an internationally standardized reporting system of autopsies worldwide, and we expect this system to evolve over time to meet various needs. Initially this tool has been designed as a relational database, currently accessed through the IARC Blue Books Online Submission System (BBOSS), with the potential to generate PDF documents from the entries and to populate an open access portal for researchers worldwide.

Justification

There is a need for internationally standardized reporting of autopsies worldwide that includes options that will recognize the variations in practice between countries, including low- and middle-income countries (LMICs). Such standardized reporting produces reliable, comparable autopsy data for various uses. We expect the provision of this tool to underpin a number of individual projects on infections, cancer, and other disorders, particularly where the number of autopsies seen by an individual centre may be small.

Vision

An autopsy reporting system assured by international standards, associated with an international database

Goal

To develop international standards for autopsy reporting, including a database to gather the reported information

Target audience

Pathologists, researchers, registrars, and other interested parties in the field of medical research

This project is being developed under IARC's leadership, led by Dr Ian Cree.