THE AUTOPSY

Objectives

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After this session students will be able to:

- Define “medical autopsy”
- Describe the basic steps of a medical autopsy: external examination, internal examination of organs, histologic study of sections, clinico-pathologic correlation
- Explain a medical autopsy to next of kin in order to obtain consent for the autopsy
- Summarize reasons for the decline in number of medical autopsies performed
- Summarize benefits of medical autopsies to physicians/medical community, families, the public