

The slow, troubling death of the autopsy.

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The rate of [autopsies](#) – the “gold standard” of death investigation – are decreasing worldwide. This commentary highlights the lost opportunities for hospital and clinician learning from mistakes due this [decline](#). The author ties the relevance of the loss to missed opportunities for understanding the effect of COVID-19 on the body to inform [diagnostic](#), treatment and prevention activities.