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TRAUMATOLOGY

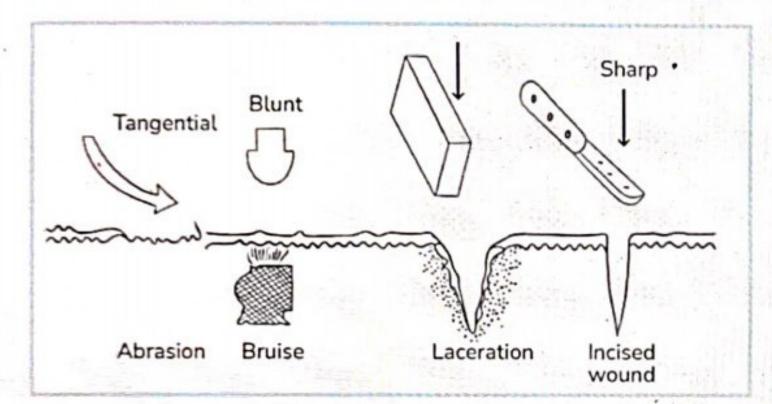


MECHANICAL INJURIES

Classification of Injury

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Blunt	Sharp	Pointed
Abrasion	Incised	Stab
Contusion	Chop	· Mi
Laceration		



ABRASION

- It is a superficial injury
- Involves only epidermis
- No bleeding and no scarring
- In general abrasions are simple hurt except corneal abrasion which is a grievous hurt

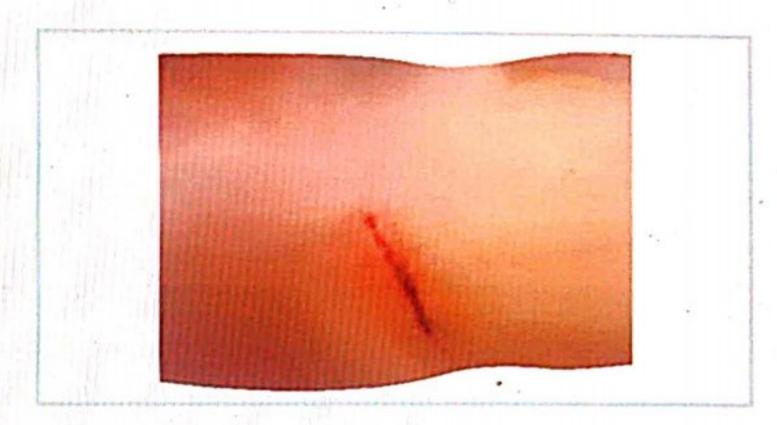


Important Information

Scarring is seen in corneal abrasion

Abrasion Types

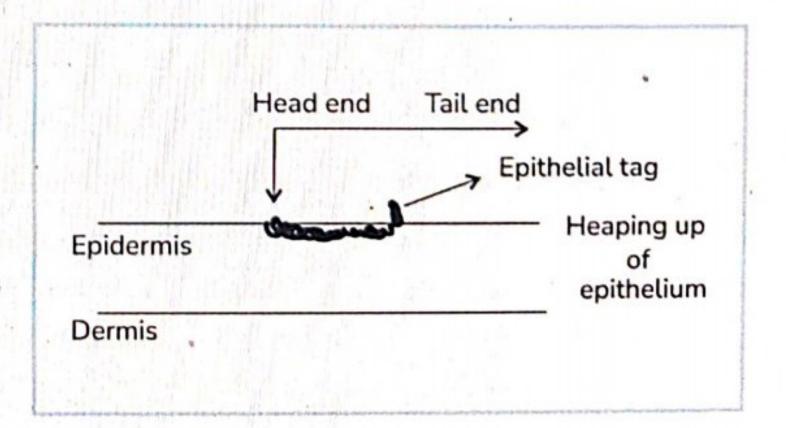
Scratch - Single linear abrasion caused by thorn, nail.



- Graze Multiple lines of scratches over a wide area.
 - o Commonly seen with RTA.
 - ·o Most Common type of abrasion.
 - o Also known as friction burn / brush burn / gravel rash.



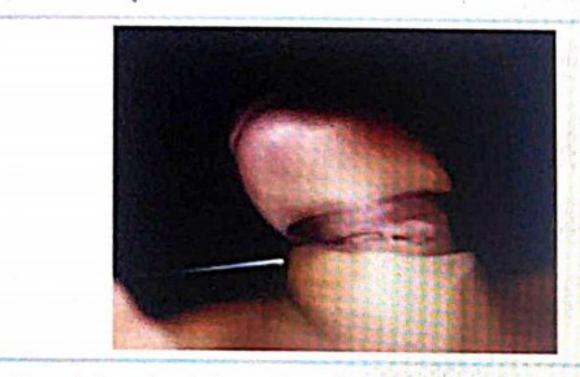
 Epithelium scraped during a graze is deposited at tail end, which is called as epithelial tag/heaping up of epithelium from which you can find out the direction of force.



Pressure – Epithelium crushing due to perpendicular pressure



Patterned – Epithelium crushing + Pattern of weapon



Ageing of abrasion is found by colour of scab

MNEMONIC: (R3B3)

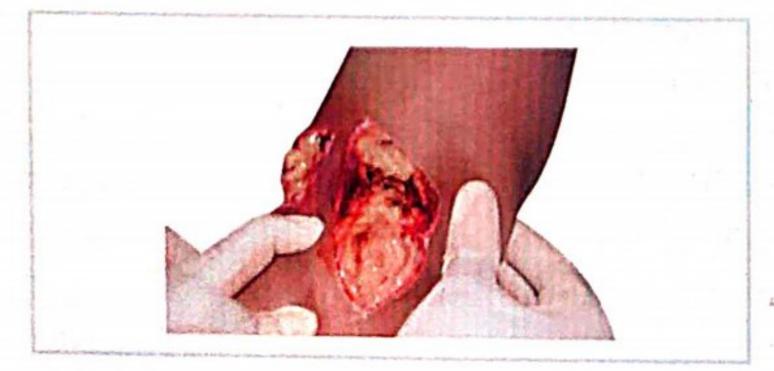
•	Raw	-	< 12 hr.
•	Reddish scab	-	>12 hr.
•	Reddish Brown scab	-	2-3 days.
•	Brown scab	-	4-5 days.
•	Blackscab		6-7 days.

Medicolegally most important injury is abrasion

CONTUSION / BRUISE

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- Blunt trauma to skin will rupture dermal capillaries (epidermis is not involved) and results in blood collection in tissue that causes swelling and reddish discoloration, known as contusion /Bruise.
- Margins of contusion will be irregular.



Extravasation of blood is seen in contusions.

Types of contusion / Bruise

Superficial	Deep	Ectopic/ Migratory	Patterned
Lies over the skin.	Lies deeper to tissues.	 Injury at one site, bruise will be on another site. Ectopic – Black eye. Battle sign 	 It will give the pattern of weapon used. Patterned— Six penny bruises seen in Throttling and Battered baby syndrome, Tramline bruise in stick injury.



It is ectopic bruise (black eye)

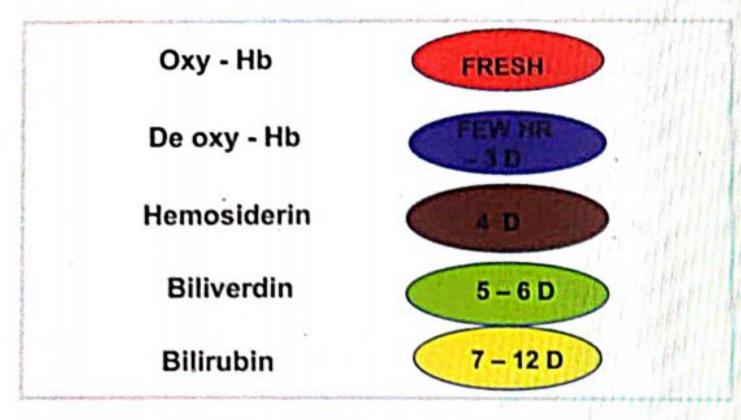


It is Battle sign (seen over mastoid region)



Tramline bruise

Ageing of Bruise is found by colour



Timeline	Colour	Reason
Fresh	Red	Oxygenated Hb
Hours to 3 days	Blue	Deoxygenated Hb
4 th day	Brown	Hemosiderin
5 th - 6 th day	Greenish	Biliverdin
7 th - 12 th day	Yellow	Bilirubin*
' 2 weeks	Normal	

Normally Abrasion heals in -1 week

Contusion heals in -2 week



Important Information

 Multiple bruises of varying colours is seen in child abuse/Battered baby syndrome.

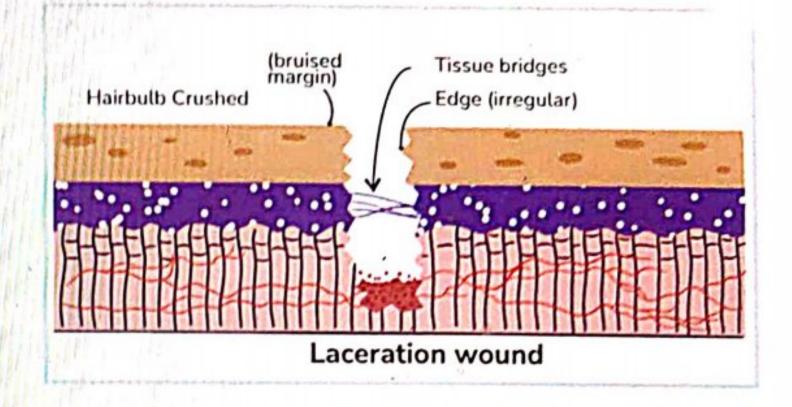
Difference between Contusion and Hypostasis

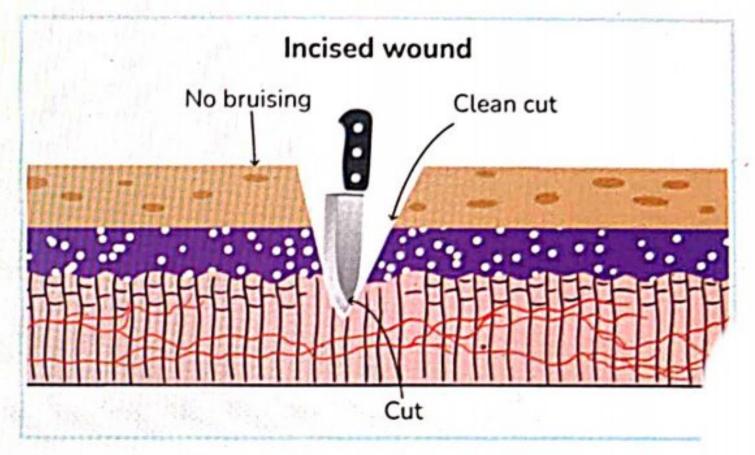
Refer Table 1.1

LACERATION & INCISED WOUND

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Wound	Laceration	Incised
Force	Blunt (Tearing type)	Sharp (Cutting type)
Edges	Irregular	Clean, Cut & Regular
Margins	Bruising	No
Hair bulb	Crushed	Cut
Tissue bridges	Present	Absent
Bleeding	Less	More (Profuse bleeding)





LACERATION

Types of laceration

- Split laceration
 - Skin is crushed between 2 hard objects
 - o Located on bony prominences



Stretch laceration

- Overstretching of skin + Pressure with pull force.
- o Eg-Flapping (Will help in determining the direction of force)



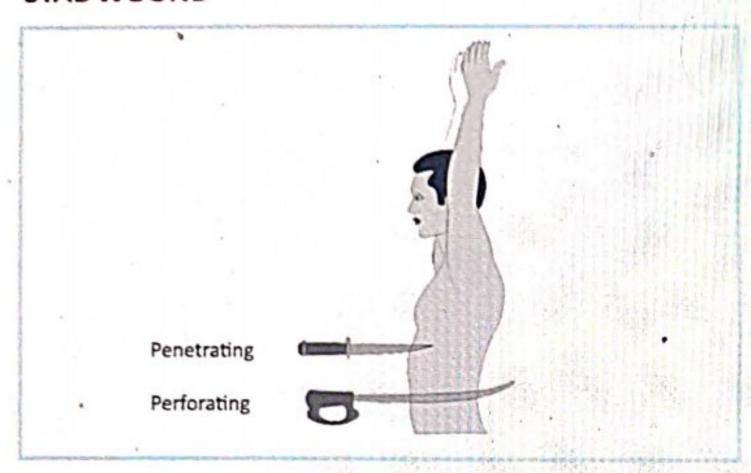
- Avulsion Associated with any shearing force produced by grinding compression trauma.
 - Degloving is seen in avulsion laceration.
 - Flaying Skin is separated from the underlying tissues



Important Information

 Split laceration will look like incision wound "incised looking laceration"

STAB WOUND



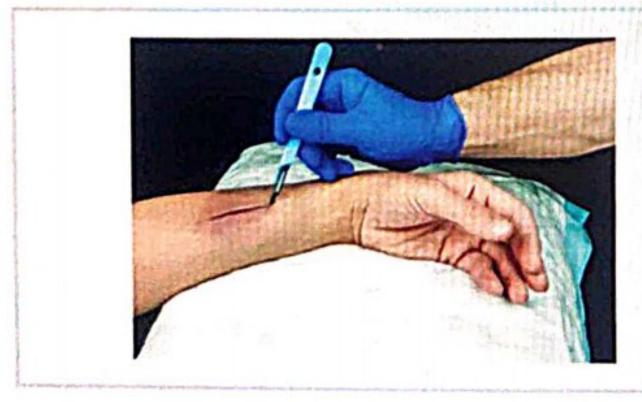
- Produced by any weapon with pointed end.
- Types
 - o Penetrating Only entry of the weapon
 - o Perforating Entry and exit as well

Shape

- Single edged knife Wedge shape
- Double edge knife Oval
- Screw driver Stellate shape / Star shaped

INCISED WOUND

 The characteristic of incised wound is that it has got both the head & tail.



- Swallow tailing seen with Laceration.
- Fish tailing seen with Stab wound (by single edged weapon).
- Tailing is seen in Incision



Important Information

 Direction of incised wound - Tailing of the wound suggests the direction of force.

Hesitational cuts / Intentional cuts / Tentative cuts / Feelers strokes



- Present in suicide cases.
- Multiple superficial linear cuts.

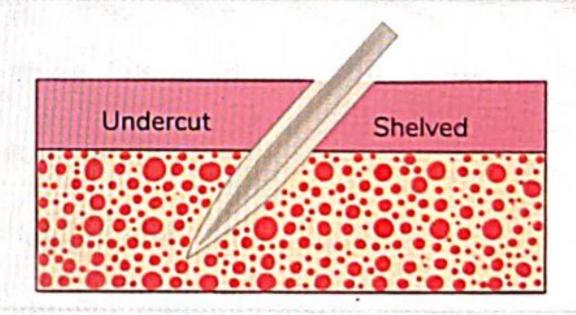


Important Information

 Hesitational cuts usually present over the accessible parts of body and are diagnostic of suicide.

HOMICIDE

- 1. Chop wound in head
- 2. Genitalinjury
- Defence wound
- Over kill
- 5. Bevelled cuts



DEFENCE INJURIES

- Injuries sustained while defending the attacks
 - Suggestive of "Homicide"
 - Their presence is not mandatory in all homicide victims.





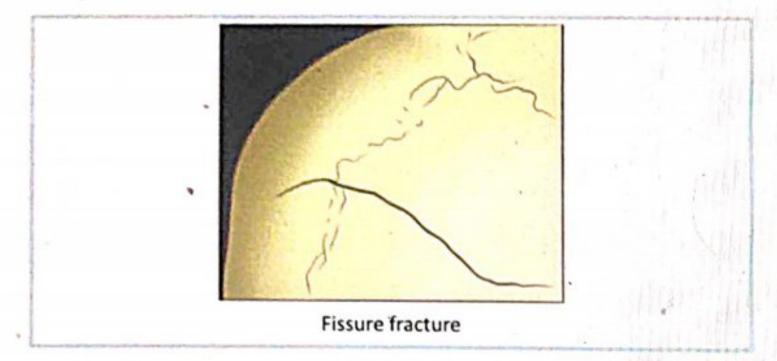
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· Common sites are palm, ulnar margin of forearm

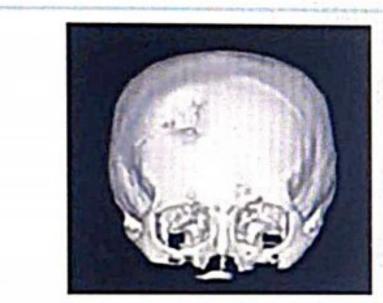
SKULL FRACTURE

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Fissure fracture: Has a linear fracture line



- Depressed fracture: Fractured fragment is depressed into cranial compartment.
 - o E.g. Seen with hammer weapon

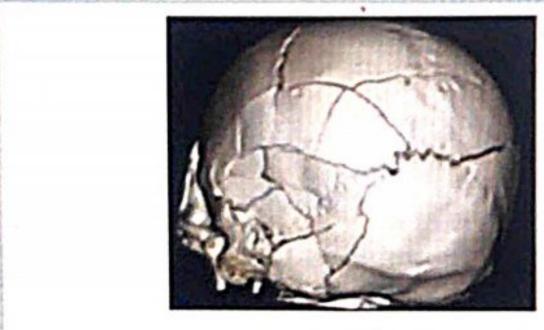


Depressed fracture



Important Information

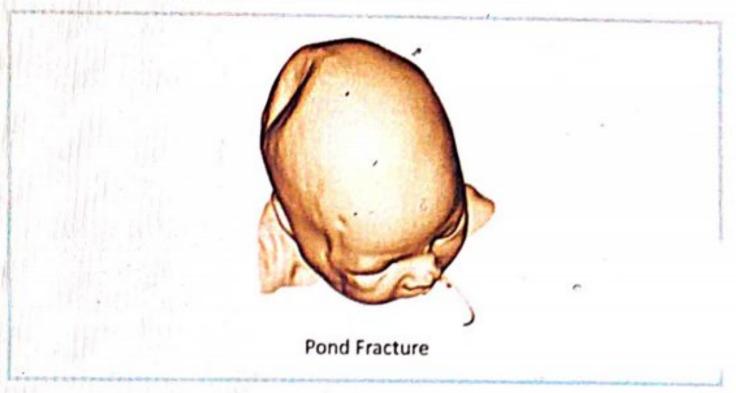
- Depressed fracture Aka signature fracture as it tells about the pattern of the weapon
- Comminuted fracture: Has multiple fracture segments



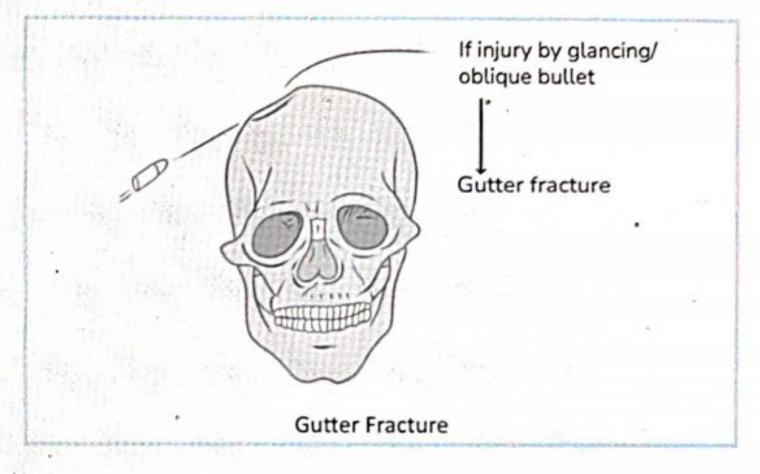
Comminuted fracture

- Sutural fracture: Fracture along the suture
 - o Aka diastatic fracture, commonly seen in parietal suture

- Pond fracture / Indented fracture: Usually seen in elastic skull (children)
 - o Asmall depression present at skull



 Gutter fracture: Oblique bullet injury or glancing bullet can cause Gutter Fracture





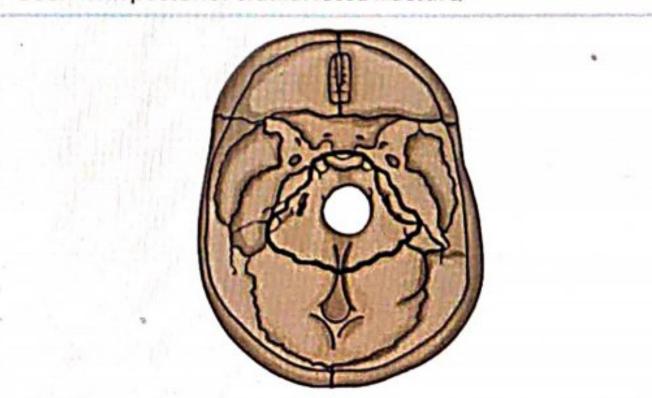
Important Information

- Puppe's rule: If there are multiple fracture lines then we can find out the sequence of blows
 - o 2nd fracture line does not cross the old fracture line.

FRACTURE OF SKULL BASE

Ring Fracture

- Fracture line passes around the foramen magnum and it is usually present in case falling from height and landing on feet.
- Seen with posterior cranial fossa fracture.



Hinge fracture / Motorcyclist fracture

Hinge Fracture Type 1

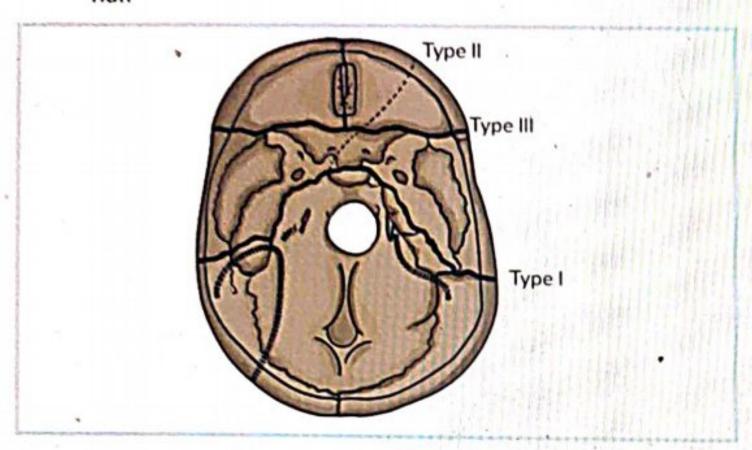
 Fracture line runs along with Middle Cranial Fossa from one side of temporal region to the other side of temporal region and divides the skull into front and back half

Hinge Fracture Type 2

 Hinge fracture is defined as oblique fracture running through sella turcica

Hinge Fracture Type 2

 Type 3 fracture denotes fracture line running in the anterior half



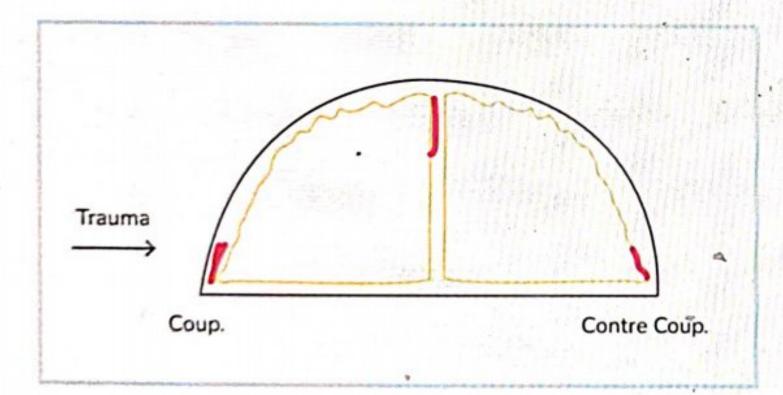
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Important Information

Nodding face sign seen in hinge fracture

Coup and Counter Coup Injury

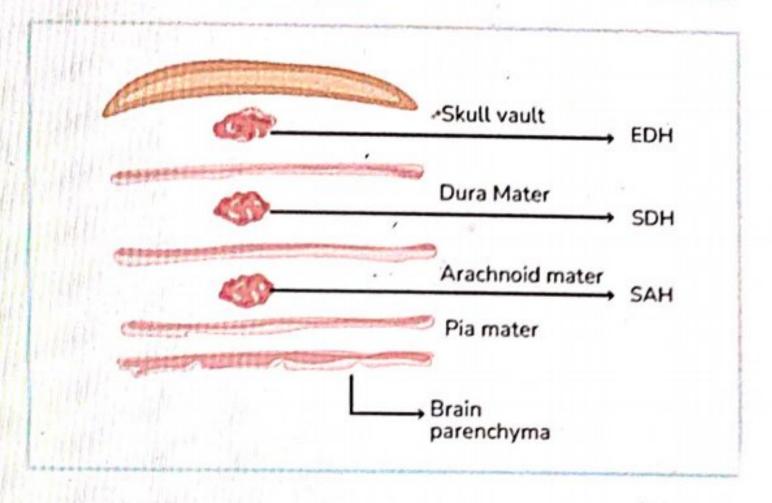
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Coup injury	Contre Coup injury	
Present at the site impact	 Present opposite to the side of impact Can be present at the opposite side of the same lobe 	
	MC site is frontal lobe contusion with occipital fall	
	Usually seen only when the head is mobile	

Intra cranial Haemorrhages

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Source of Bleeding

- EDH: Due to rupture of middle meningeal artery present near Pterion, purely due to trauma.
- SDH: Due to rupture of Bridging Veins. Mostly due to trauma but can also be spontaneous.
- SAH: Due to rupture of Arteries (Circle of Willis). Trauma or Spontaneous (due to rupture of aneurysm or AV malformation)

• EDH

- Usually a coup injury
- Associated with fracture of temporal bone
- o It is usually coup injury
- o Clinical feature is that it presents with Lucid interval

Q.

Important Information

 In EDH, Lucid interval is seen. Period of Consciousness Between two Unconsciousness.

- o Doctor can be liable under IPC 304 (A)
- o CT SCAN shows Biconvex appearance



SDH

- o A-Alcoholics/Aged
- o B-Boxers
- C Child Abuse (Battered Baby Syndrome because of wild shaking)
- o E-Elderly person with a minor trauma
- o CTSCAN Concavo-convex / Crescent shape

SAH

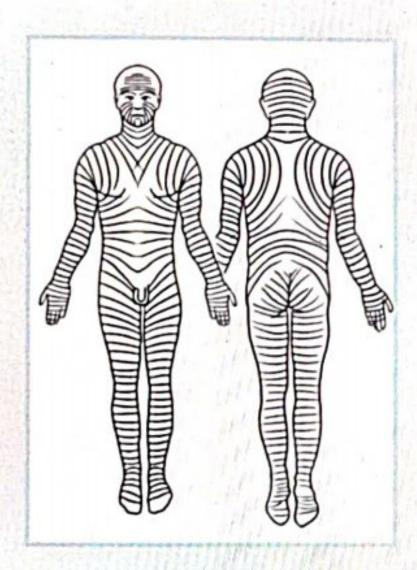
- Rupture of Aneurysm (Berry Aneurysm M/C) or AV malformations or trauma or systemic hypertension
- Presentation Young age, thunderclap headache, seizure, coma
- o On CSF Xanthochromia is seen



Extra Edge

Lines of Langer

These are collagen fibres arrangement in body which follow a specific direction



Lines of Langer determines the gaping of wound



Extra Edge

Bevelling

- It is an oblique cut produced by a sharp weapon.
- Suggestive of homicide.

Self-inflicted/suicidal stab injury



- Hara-kiri/Seppuku
- Practiced by Japanese soldiers
- Cause of death in Hara-kiri is Evisceration and hypotension

Table 1.1

Charecter	Hypostasis / Livor mortis	Contusion
Site	Seen in dependent area	Any where
Edges	Well defined edges	Ill-defined edges
Blanching	Present	• Absent
Extravasation	 Blood is retained in intact capillaries therefore, Extravasation is absent. 	Blood escaped through ruptured capillaries therefore, Extravasation is present.
Colour changes	• Absent	• Present
On incision, pour water	 Incision: Blood flows from the cut vessel. Washable 	 Incision: Blood coagulates in tissues Not washable.

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THERMAL INJURIES



HYPOTHERMIA

- · Body temperature less than 35°C
 - Person has mental confusion and there is failure of vasoconstriction
- This causes all blood to suddenly rush to skin, so the person feels hot and removes all his clothing
- · This results in death
- · Hide and die syndrome Seen in severe hypothermia
- Pink hypostasis If the person dies in severe hypothermia aka white death this phenomenon is seen.
- Wischnewsky's ulcer Stress ulcer seen in stomach in case of hypothermia



Important Information

- In Severe hypothermia Paradoxical undressing is seen
- Mimics sexual assault

Peripheral Cold Injuries

- 1. Freezing
- Frost bite Seen in Dry cold
 - Frost bite can be superficial and deeper
 - o SUPERFICIAL Anaesthesia / erythema is seen
 - o DEEPER-Edema/blister/thrombosis can be seen
 - o Rx-Rewarming (37-40 degree)
 - o Frost nip No freezing, it is followed by frost bite
- 2. Non Freezing Chillblains

HEAT

General Effects

- Heat cramps Muscle cramps due to excess sweating (Na depletion)
- Heat exhaustion Na⁺ depletion and water depletion. Body temperature is normal
- Heat stroke
- 1. Triad of
 - Core body temperature more than 40.5°C.
 - o CNS dysfunction altered sensorium, delirium
 - o Heat stress exposure
- 2. Person has tachycardia, tachypnea, hypotension.

Heat Stroke Types

- · Classical No sweating, Skin dry and hot
- Exertional Diaphoresis is seen
- Rx-Cooling of the body

Local Effects

- 1. Dry due to exposure of fire, produces burns
- 2. Moist due to hot liquid, produces scalds

Burns

Burns - Due to dry heat

- Any superficial burns Painful / Non scarring
- Any deep burn-Painless / Scarring
- Burn body surface area calculated by Rule of nine / wallace, lund and browder chart (in children), rule of palm (1%)

AUTOPSY FINDINGS

- Non-specific signs
 - Heat stiffening / pugilistic attitude / Boxers attitude Protein coagulation, resembles rigor mortis
 - Heat rupture Skin splits due to drying and dehydration, look like incised wound. Pale, no bleeding / intact vessels, nerves
 - Heat hematomas Due to boiling of blood leading to rupture of blood vessel and resemble traumatic EDH.
 - → Chocolate brown / honey comb appearance
 - Heat fracture Seen in skull and long bones (street and avenue fracture). Due to pulling of muscle and also due to drying of bone
- · Specific finding Seen only in antemortem burns
- External findings
 - F-Fluid in blisters (increased proteins and chloride)
 - o I-Inflammatory reaction (granulation tissue), infection
 - o R-Redness/redline
 - E-Elevated enzymes



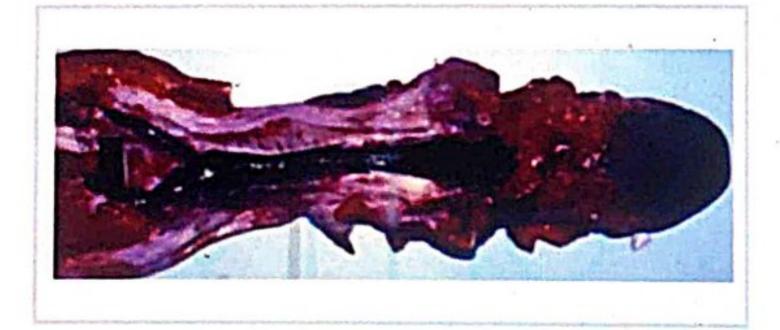


Important Information

- Gas in blisters is seen in postmortem burns
- Internal findings All are antemortem signs 3C
 - o Carbon deposition (Soot) into Airways due to inhalation

of smoke

- CoHb is increased in blood
- o CN level raised





Important Information

Curling's ulcer seen in duodenum in case of delayed death

	BURNS	SCALDS
Charring	+	
Singeing of hair	+	-
Clothes	Burnt	Wet
Splashing	117	+
Lines of blisters		+
Level of contact	At / above	At/below

ELECTRIC BURNS

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Two types of current - AC & DC

- DC is associated with lightening
- AC is more dangerous
- "Amperage" More Imp factor for electrocution

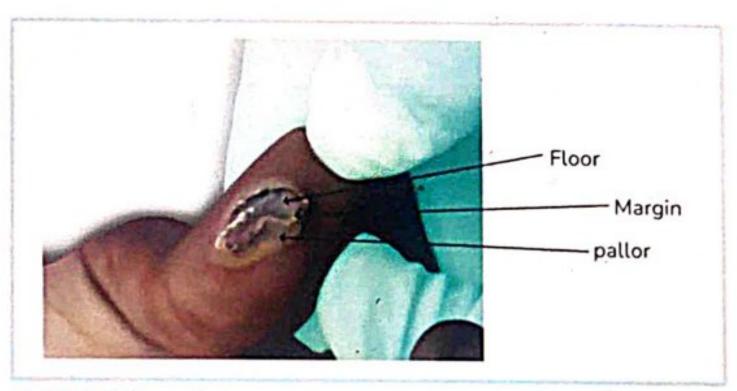


Important Information

- Cardiac Arrythmia M/C/C of death in electrocution
- 2nd m/c is respiratory failure

Classification of Electric Burns

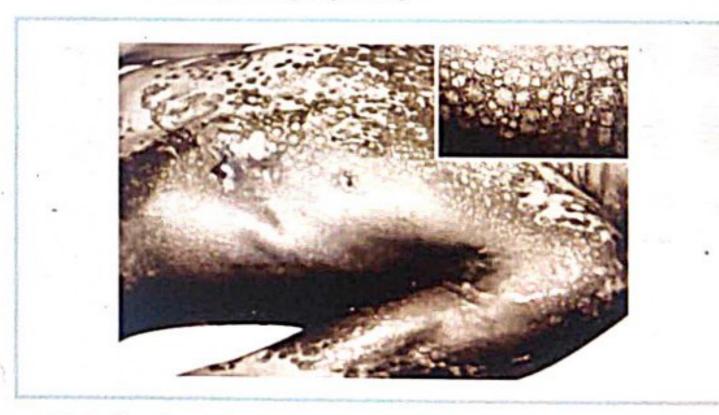
- 1. Low Voltage Burns
- Joule Burns (endogenous burn)
 - Central depressed floor
 - Pale peripheral areola
 - Due to tight contact with electricity
 - Aka endogenous burn



- 2. High Voltage Burns
- · Flash Burn (diffuse burn)



Crocodile burn (Multiple pitted)



- Metallisation of entry wound Metallic ions deposited from wire on skin
- Current pearls Ion deposition in subcutaneous tissue
- Bone pearls Due to high voltage calcium get molten into bone
- 3. Filigree Burns



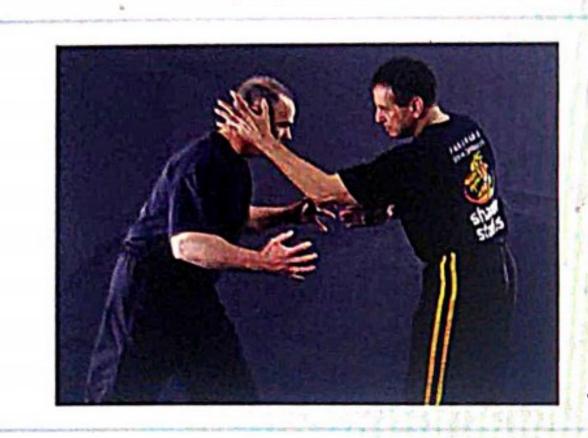
- It occurs due to lightening
- DC current burn
- Lichtenberg Flowers / Arborescent Markings
- Shows branching pattern Ferning
- Aka Keraunographic markings

TORTURE

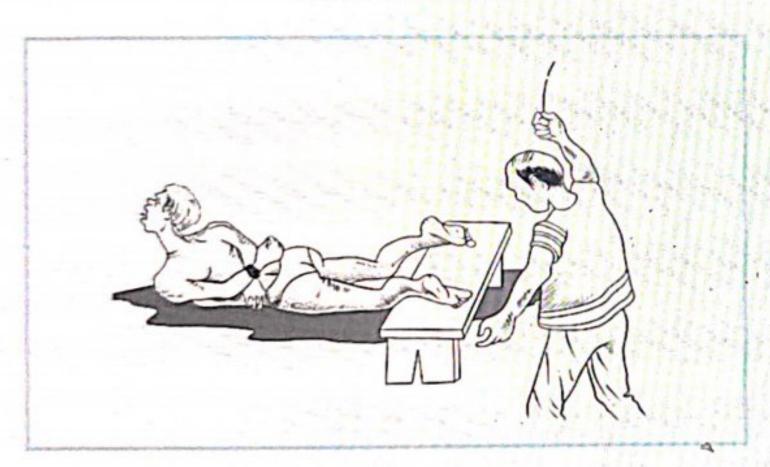
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Types of torture

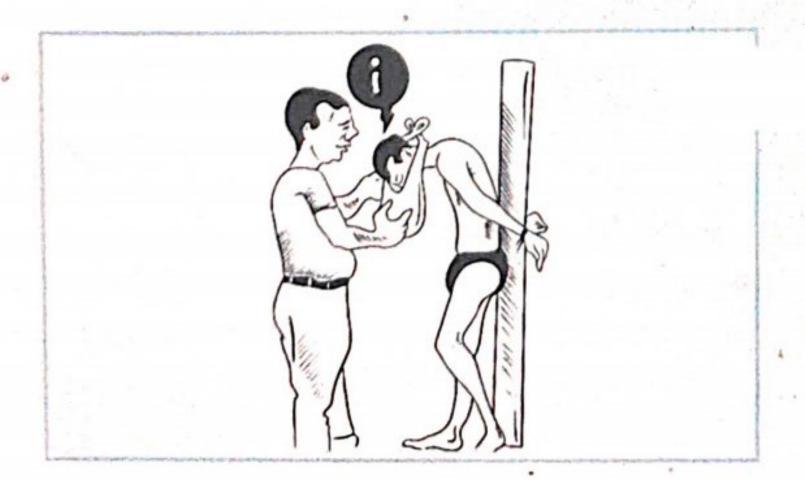
 Telefono: It consists of repeated Slapping over ears by the open palms of the assailant.



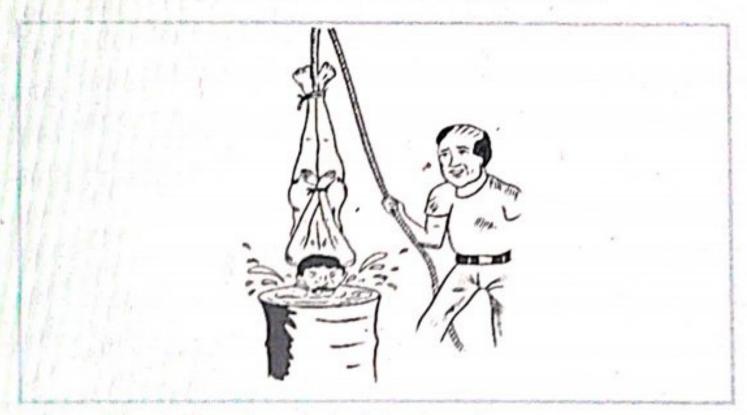
 Falanga (bastinado): In this canes or rods are used to beat on the soles of the feet.



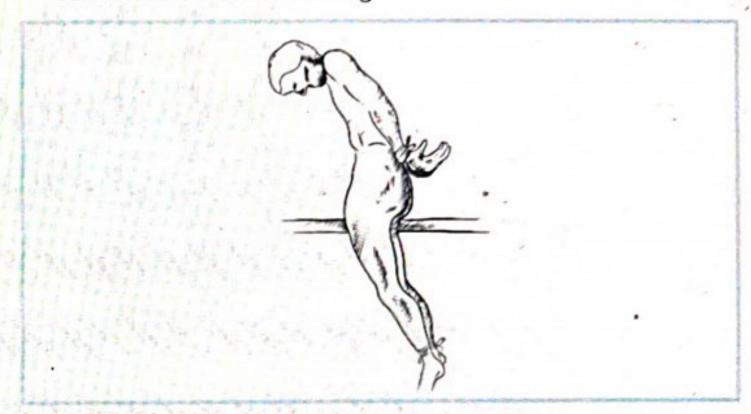
Dry submarine: Tying of a plastic bag over the head



· Wet submarine: Forced immersion of head in water



- Dunking: Immersion of whole body under water
- · Saw horse: Forced straddling



Parrot's perch: Head down from a horizontal pole placed
 under the knees with the wrists bound to the ankle



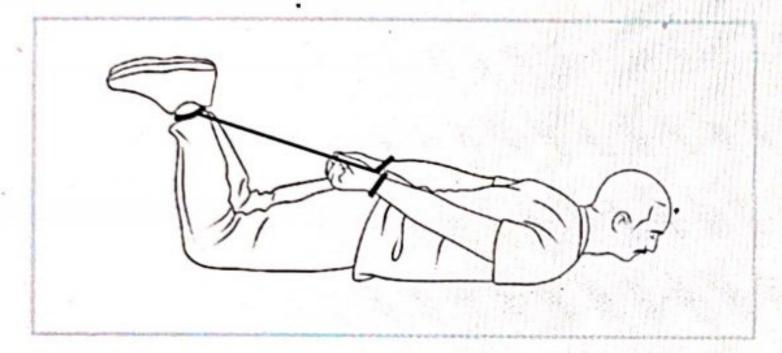
Planton: Long standing



· Cattle's prod: Giving electric shock to genetila



 Hog Tying: Person is in prone position and his wrist and ankle are tied together.



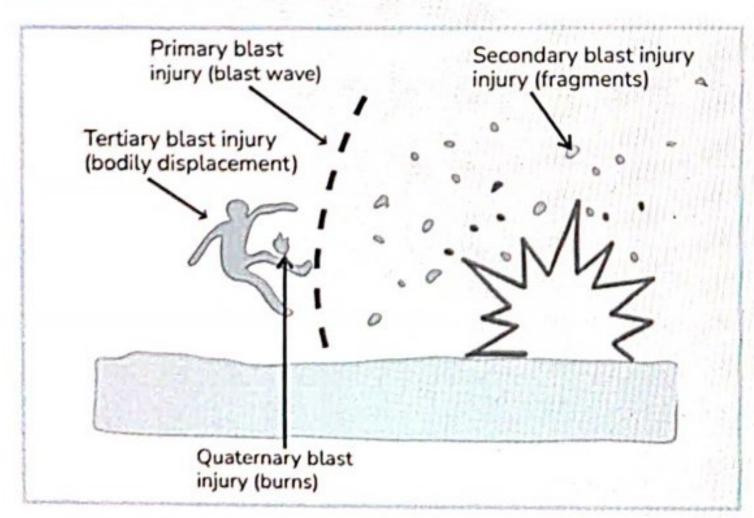
. Black slave: Heated metal skewer inserted into the anus



Important Information

 Declaration of Tokyo: Gives guidelines about handling the torture victim. Refrains the physician from helping in torture

BOMB BLAST INJURIES



1. Air Blast

 Blast wave: Primary blast injuries affect ear drum (Tympanic membrane rupture), lung (blast lung), GIT

- Flying missiles / projectiles: Secondary blast injuries is combination of abrasion, contusion and laceration (aka Marshall's triad) can be produced at the same side of the body
- Wind/Victim displacement: Tertiary blast injuries (fractures)
- Miscellaneous factors: Quaternary blast injuries. It is due to building collapse causing traumatic asphyxia or die of burns

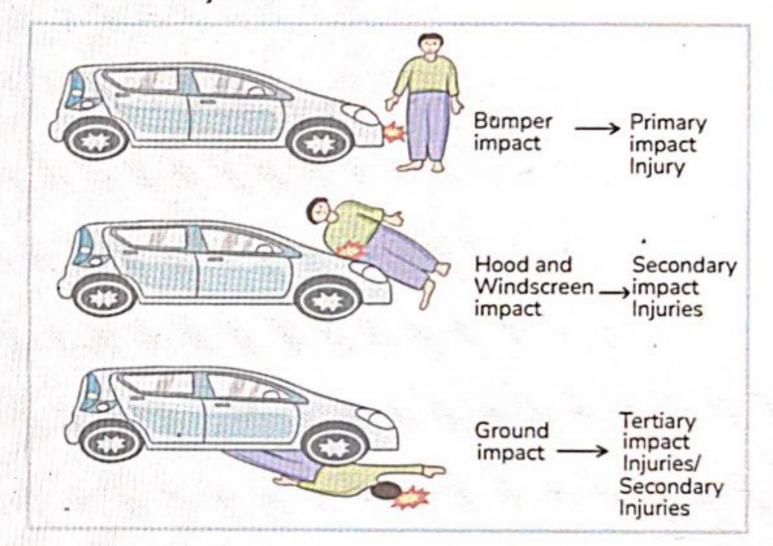
2. Underwater blast

- If head under water Ear drum rupture
- · If head above water GIT injury

TRANSPORT INJURIES

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3 types pedestrian, occupant or motor cycle rider injuries.
 Pedestrian Injuries



Injuries can be due to

- 1st impact with vehicle aka primary impact injuries aka Bumper injury. Tip of bumper fracture tells about direction of impact. Usually involves tibia in the legs.
- 2nd impact of vehicle aka secondary impact injuries
- Ground impact aka Secondary Injuries aka Tertiary impact injuries, can have head injuries, abrasions, lacerations.

OCCUPANT INJURY

Sparrow Foot Mark

- Due to broken glass of wind shield
- Multiple small cuts over the face

Whiplash Injuries

- Hyper flexion and Hyperextension.
- Spinal cord contusion
- Rarely vertebral fracture



Dashboard fracture

 Front seat passenger, posterior dislocation of hip is seen, patellar fracture.

Seat belt injury

Most Common organ injured is - Mesentery > Small intestine.

Tail gating injuries (under running)

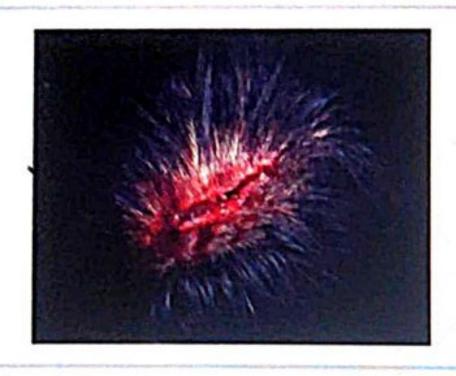
 Collision with rear side of vehicle in front. It can cause facial injury or decapitation.



Previous Year Questions

Q. Identify the injury shown in the image?

(AIIMS June 2020)



- A. Incised wound
- B. Lacerated wound
- C. Abrasion
- D. Contusion

Q. In entry wound of skull, beveling is seen in?

(FMGE Dec 2019)

- A. Inner table
- B. Outer table
- C. Innertable & Outertable
- D. Multiple small fracture

Q. Rupture of the skin and subcutaneous tissue is?

(FMGE May 2018)

- A. Incised wound
- **B.** Abrasions
- C. Lacerated wound
- D. Contusion

Q. Identify the sign?

(NEET Jan 2020)



A. Battle sign

- B. Racoon sign
- C. Romberg's sign
- D. McEwan sign

Q. Cricket player was hit in the head then becomes unconscious, after sometimes he becomes conscious. After the match, he lost consciousness and was taken to the hospital. The diagnosis could be? (FMGE DEC 2020)

A. Extradural hemorrhage

- B. Subdural hemorrhage
- C. Subarachnoid hemorrhage
- D. Intracerebral hemorrhage

Q. Identify the condition?

(FMGE Dec 2019)



A. Extra Dural hemorrhage

- B. Subdural hemorrhage
- C. Subarachnoid hemorrhage
- D. Intracerebral hemorrhage

Q.Paradoxical undressing is seen in?

(AIIMS May 2019)

A. Hypothermia

- B. Hyperthermia
- C. Dhatura poisoning
- D. Sexual offence

Q. The injury is suggestive of?

(NEET PG 2022)



- A. Postmortem wound
- B. Self-inflicted cut
- C. Defence cuts
- D. Hesitational cut
- Q. A dead body is brought with ligature mark over neck, which is encircling the neck, transverse, below the thyroid cartilage. No salivary dribbling noted. This condition is?

(NEET PG 2022)

- A. Throttling.
- B. Mugging
- C. Ligature strangulation
- D. Hanging
- Q. Identify the range?.

(NEET PG 2022)



- A. Pistol near range
- B. Rifle Close range
- C. Pistol close range
- D. shot gun intermediate
- Q. A 10 year old child with burns involving the front of anterior part of right chest, front of right upper limb, front of right side of abdomen, front of right leg. The percentage of burns involved is?

 (NEET PG 2022)
 - A. 5-10%
 - B. 15-20%
 - C. 25-30%
 - D. 35-40%
- Q. A patient presented to OPD, with burns of saddened skin, with clear line of demarcation, lines of vesicles running down the body. The probable cause is due to? (INI CET 2021)
 - A. Chemical burn
 - B. Burn due to dry heat
 - C. Burn due to moist heat
 - D. Lightening

Q. Identify the mechanical injury given in the picture?

(INI CET 2022)



- A. Graze abrasion
- B. Hesitation cuts
- C. Six penny bruise
- D. Patterned abrasion
- Q. Identify the mechanical injury given in the picture?

(INI CET 2022)



- A. Graze abrasion
- **B.** Hesitation cuts
- C. Six penny bruise
- D. Patterned abrasion
- Q. During examination in injury, hair bulbs are noted to be damaged & crushed. The probable type of wound is?

(FMGE 2022)

- A. Abrasion
- **B.** Laceration
- C. Stab injury
- D. Incision
- Q. Features of artificial bruise is?

(FMGE 2022)

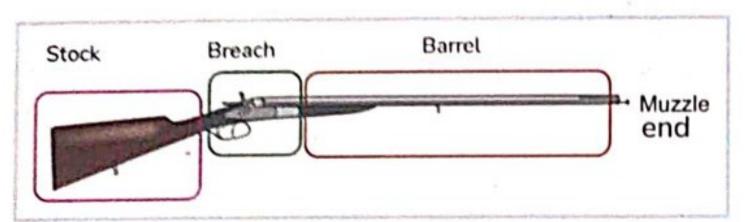
- A. Extravasation
- **B.** Vesicles
- C. Colour change
- D. Erythem'a at the site

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BALLISTICS



· It is defined as the study of Firearm.



- · Proximal Ballistics: Study of Bullet within the gun.
- Intermediate Ballistics: After bullet comes out.
- Wound/terminal Ballistics: Effect of Bullet on target



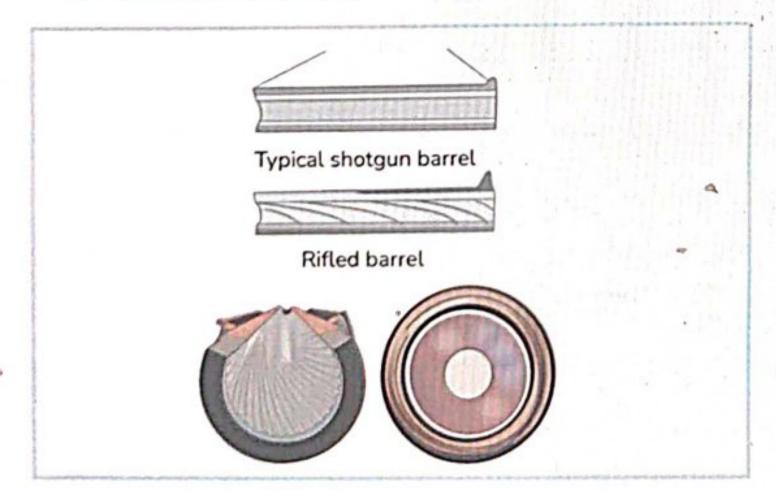
Important Information

 Inner surface of the barrel can be measured by Helixometer

Two types of firearms

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- Smooth Barrel Firearm
 - o Inner surface of barrel smooth
 - o Smooth bored
 - Lead shots used
 - o Also called as shot gun
- · Rifled Barrel firearm
 - Inner surface of barrel rifled are grooved, produced by Broach cutter
 - o This is known as Rifling

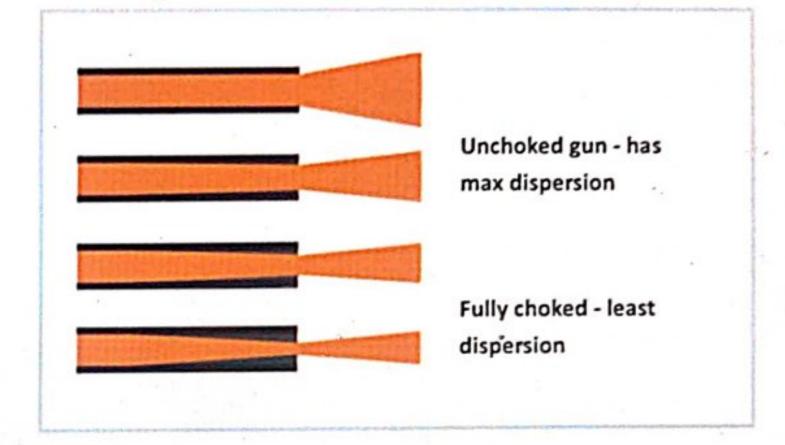


Benefits of Rifling

- †† Velocity
- †† Stability
- †† Power
- In smooth barrel firearm / Shotgun Lead shots
- In rifled barrel firearm Bullets

Smooth Bored Gun

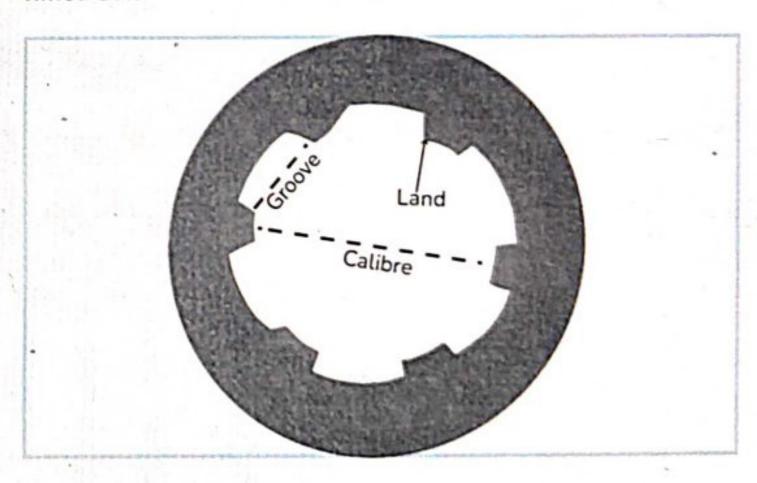
- · Range is assessed by "Dispersion of Pellets"
- In smooth barrel firearm: Choking is done (The dispersion patten is decrease)
- Choking is terminal constriction of barrel



Paradox gun

• Smooth bored gun with terminal rifling

Rifled Gun



- Calibre: The distance between two opposite lands
- Calibre is used for rifled gun.

Shot gun/Smooth Bore/Barrel Firearm

- The number of lead balls made from one pound of lead = gauge
 /bore
 - Example: 12 balls made of 1 gm lead = 12 gauge
- As the number of gauge increases, size of the barrel comes down.
 - Example: 12-gauge gun will be larger than 24-gauge gun.

Bullets

Shot gun cartridge	Rifle gun bullet	
 Primer cup / detonator cup (highly inflammable) Gun Powder Wad Functions Separation Lubrication Obturation Lead Shots Cardboard Lead Shots Wad Gun powder Brass head Primer cup	 Primer cup Gun Powder Bullet NO WAD in Rifled Gun. Bullet Case Powder Primer cup	

Gun Powders

- 1. Black Powder: 1 gm gives 3L-4L of gas
- Composition
 - o Charcoal (C): 15%
 - Potassium Nitrate: 75%
 - o Sulphur: 10%
- Because of presence of Charcoal ↑↑ Smoke production ↓ Power .
- Black gun powder can be termed as FG, FFG, FFFG, FFFFG more fineness (F) of powder
- 2. Smokeless Powder: 1 gm gives 12L-13L gas
- Composition
 - o Nitrocellulose: Single Base
 - Nitro-glycerine + Nitrocellulose: Double Base
 - Nitroguanidine + Nitro-glycerine + Nitrocellulose: Triple
 Base
- 3. Semi-Smokeless Powder
- 80 % Black powder + 20 % Smokeless powder
- · Components causing injury in Rifled firearm

Sequence of Firing Events

- 1. Pulling of trigger.
- 2. Hitting percussion pin.
- 3. Ignition of primer mixture
- 4. Production of flame
- 5. Ignition of gun powder.
- 6. Propelling of the shots/bullet/pellet.
- 7. Reporting of flame

DISCHARGES FROM A GUN

- Flame: Burns / Singeing of Hair (Flame can travel upto 7 cm)
- Smoke: Blackening (Smoke can trayel upto 30 cm)
- Gun powder: Tattooing / Peppering (Gun powder can travel upto 60-90 cm)
- Bullet: Punctured wound with Abrasion collar/grease collar/bullet wipe also called as grease deposition.



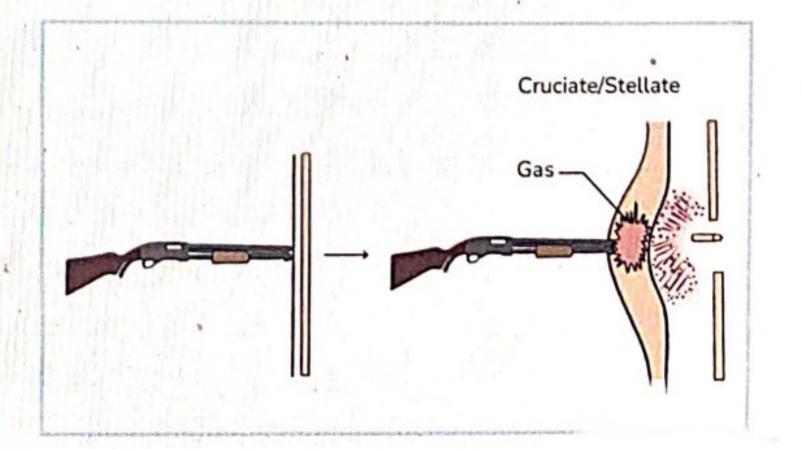
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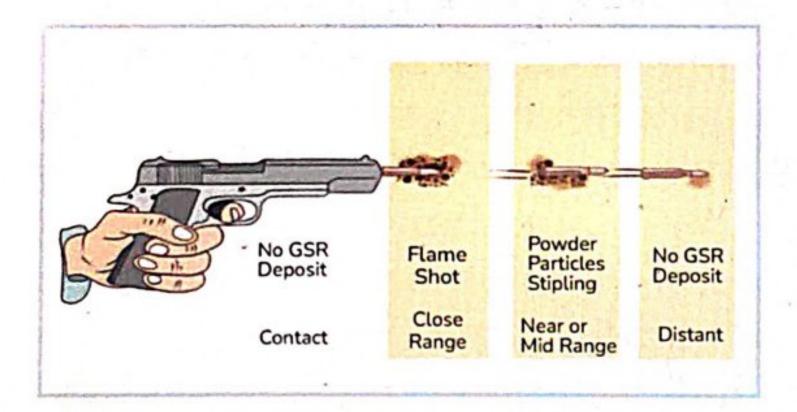
Abrasion collar: due to spinning of bullet.

Ranges of Rifled Gun

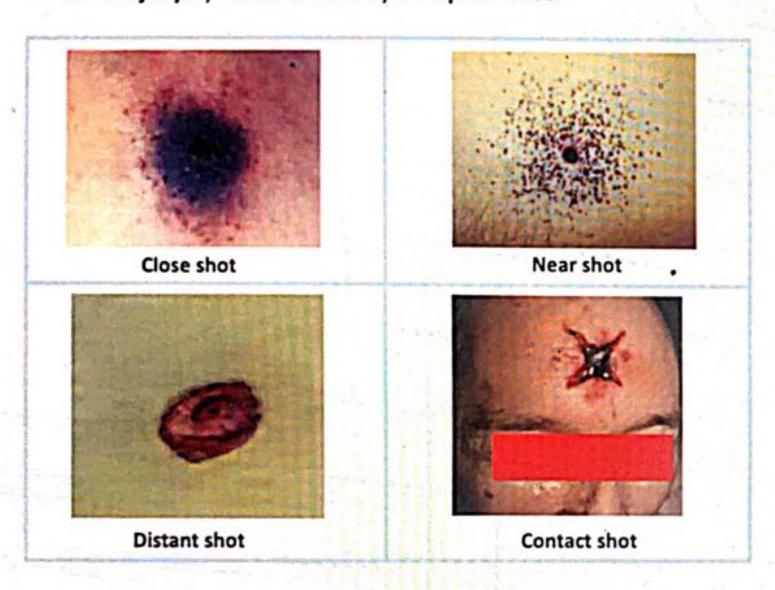
- Contact: Tight contact (Cruciate / Stellate margins)
 - o Recoil abrasion
 - o Stellate / cruciate margin
- · Close: Within the range of flame
- · Near: Outside flame but inside gun powder
- Distant: Outside gun powder

	Contact Tight Contact	Close (Inside Flame)	Near (outside flame/inside gunpowder)	Distant Outside Gun powder
Shape	Cruciate/ Stellate	Circular	Circular	Circular
Muzzle Impression	Present	Absent	Absent	Absent
Burning and Singeing	Absent	Present	Absent	Absent
Blackening	Absent	Present	Absent	Absent
Tattooing	Absent	Present	Present	Absent
Abrasion collar and Grease Collar	Present	Present	Present	Present



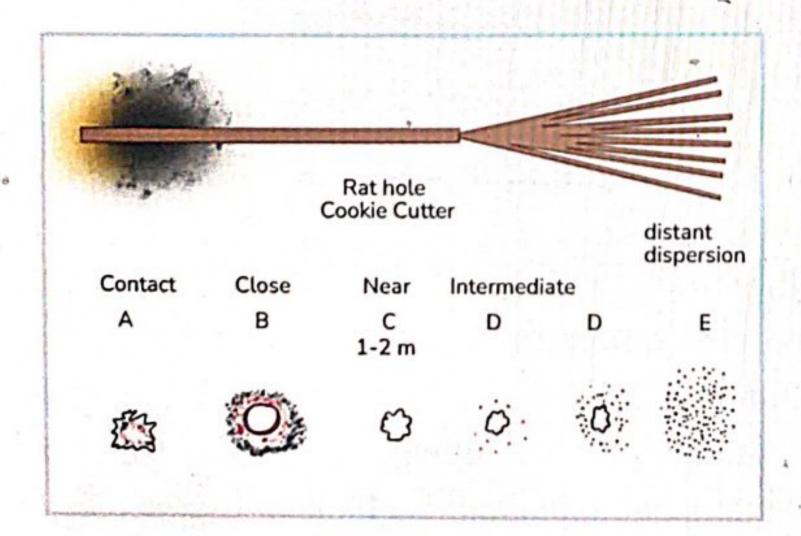


- When bullet enters normally Perpendicularly, we get circular bullet injury.
- Oval injury by bullet occurs by oblique bullet.



Range in Shot Gun

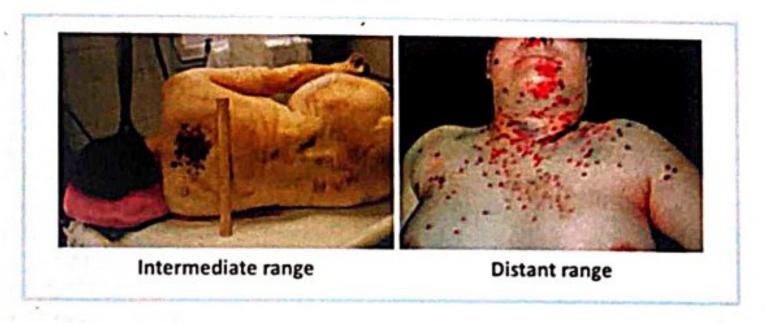
- Contact
- Close < 1 m
- Near1-2m
- Intermediate 2-4m
- Distant > 4m



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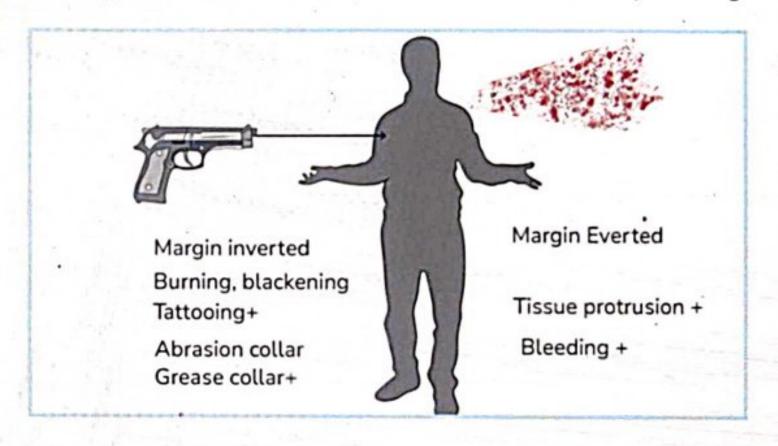
Important Information

- All the Effects in shotgun fire can be seen in maximum range of 1 m
- Dispersion start at 2 m and completed at 4 m.

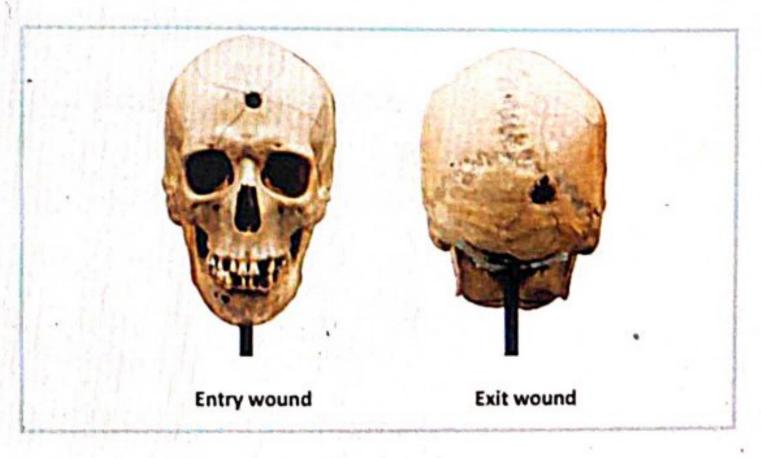


Entry vs Exit Wound

Entry and exit Wound over skull can be differentiated by bevelling

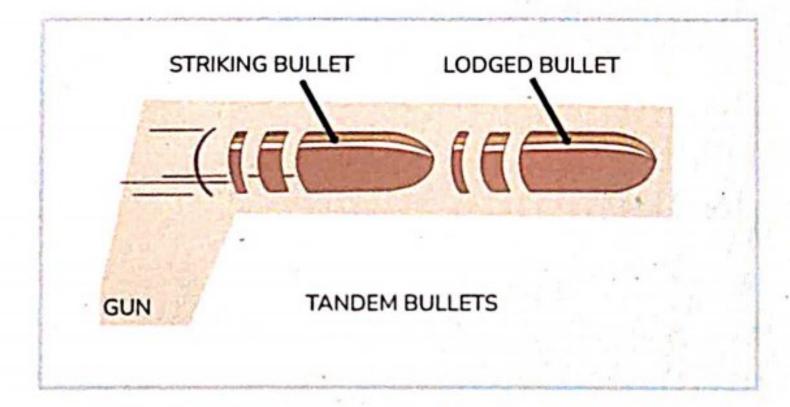


. В	evelling
Entry wound	Exit wound
Inner table – bevelled	Outer table bevelled



DIFFERENT TYPE OF BULLETS

- 1. Tandem bullets / Piggyback bullet
- The first bullet gets struck in the barrel. When it is fired again, the second bullet carries the first bullet and comes out. Two bullets come out of the muzzle end.

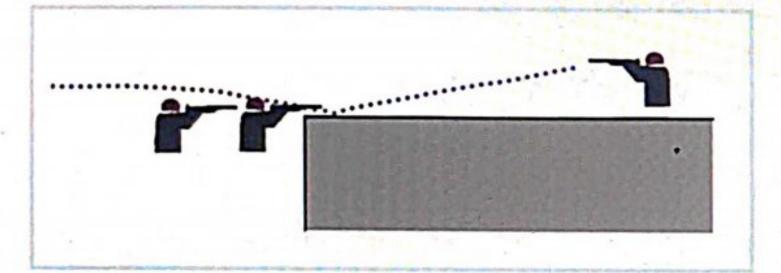


2. Tracer bullet

 We can trace the path of bullet via glowing base of bullet in the dark.

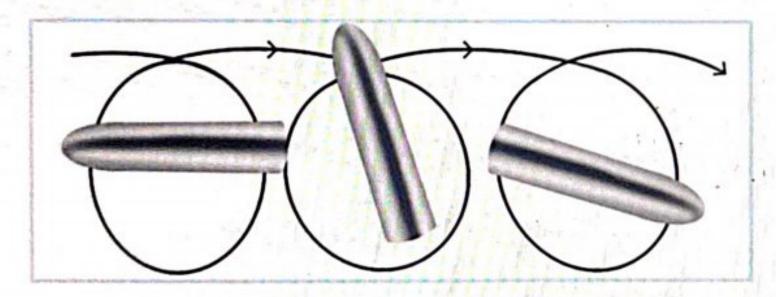
3. Ricochet bullet

· Deflected bullet from intermediate surface.



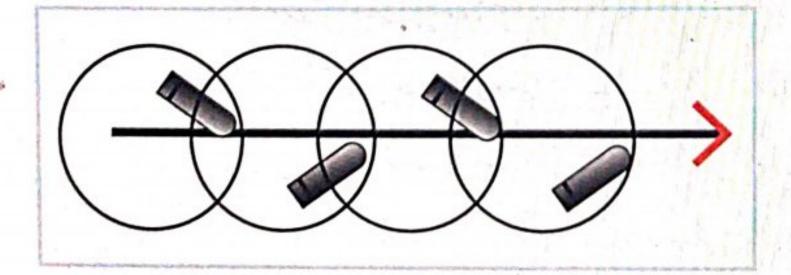
4. Tumbling bullet

Rotating bullet



5. Yawing bullet

Irregular pathway



6. Souvenir bullet

- Retained bullet inside the body
- May cause chronic lead poisoning

7. Incendiary bullet - Coated with phosphorous, fire on impact

8. Frangible bullet

- Bullet fragmented on impact.
- Made up of powder.



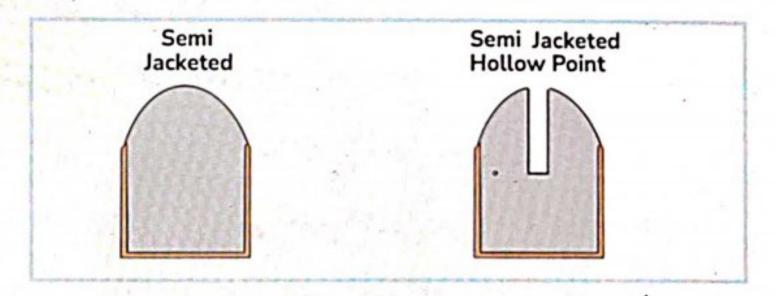
Important Information

Kennedy Phenomenon

 latrogenic alteration of appearance of gunshot wounds, so difficult to find the range during post-mortem.

9. Dum - Dum bullet / Semi jacketed bullet

 Deformation of bullet happens inside tissues also known as Mushrooming of bullets

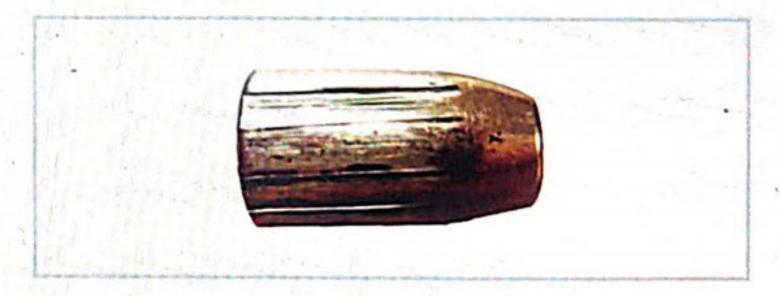


BULLET FINGERPRINTING

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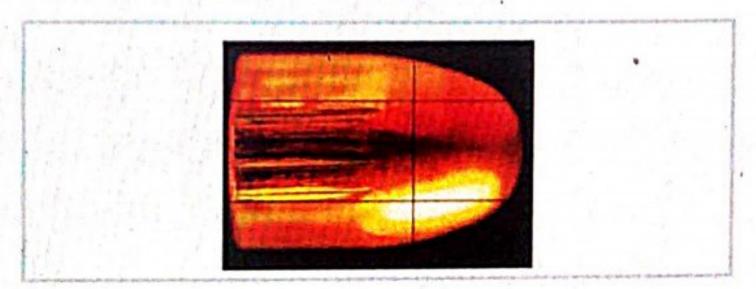
Primary Marking

- Due to rifling pattern of gun
- Also called as class characteristic



Secondary Marking

- Due to irregularities (Wear and Tear)
- Vary from gun to gun
- They are more specific.
- Also called as individual characteristics



We use microscope for comparison of markings.

Tests for GSR

Sample to be taken from dorsum of the hand

Mneumonic-HANDS

- Harrison and Gilroy's test
- 2. Atomic Absorption Spectrometry (AAS)
- 3. Neutron Activation Analysis (NAA)
- 4. Dermal Nitrate
- SEM EDXA (definitive)



Previous Year Questions

Q. Assertion: Range of shot can be determined by the spread of pallets.

Reason: Shotgun cartridge contains pallets?

(AIIMS May 2019)

- A. Both assertion and reason are correct and reason is correct explanation of assertion.
- B. Both assertion and reason are correct but reason it not a correct explanation of assertion.
- C. Reason correct assertion wrong
- D. Both assertion and reason are wrong.
- Q. A middle aged lady was found in a robbed room lying in a pool of blood. On forensic examination there was an entry wound of size around 2 x 2 cm on the left temporal region with tattooing and blackening at the right temporal region. On further examination two bullet fragments were found inside the brain parenchyma. Which of the following could be used to determine the distance from which the weapon was hired?

 (AIIMS Nov 2017)

A. Hair

B. Clothes

C. Bullet fragments

D. Blood

Q. Bullet wipe term is used for?

A. Gutter fracture of skull

B. Blackening

C. Tattooing

D. Dirt from barrel

Q. The poisoning caused by bullet retained inside the body is?

(FMGE Dec 2019)

(AIIMS May 2019)

A. Iron

B. Phosphorus

C. Nitro cellulose

D. Lead

Q. Bullet fingerprinting is?

* (AIIMS Nov 2018)

A. Human fingerprints on bullet

B. Primary marking

C. Secondary marking

D. Distorted bullet

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AUTOPSY



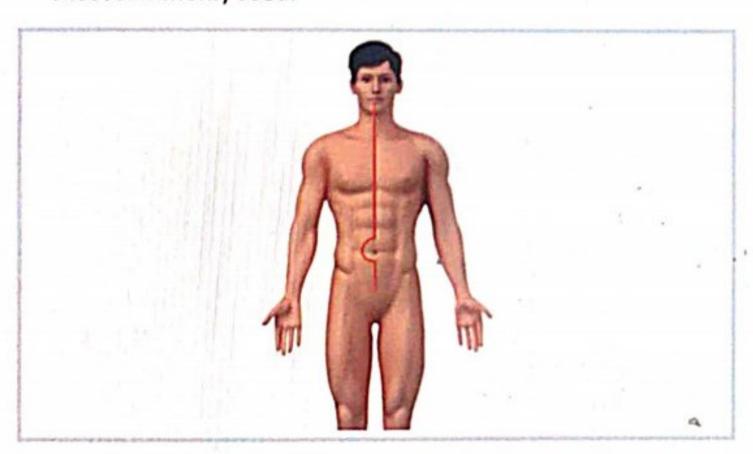
Also known as Necropsy, PME (Post Mortem Examination)

Refer Table 7.1

- Psychological Autopsy (No Dissection)
 - o Done in suicidal deaths
 - Done to know about the psychological state of person before committing suicide.
 - Conduct interviews with parents/friends.
- Virtual Autopsy / Virtoupsy (No Dissection): Complete body scanning to find the structural lesion/cause of death.
- Negative autopsy: Doctor will not be able to state the cause of death. It may be due to incorrect technique, lack of experience, incorrect preservation etc.

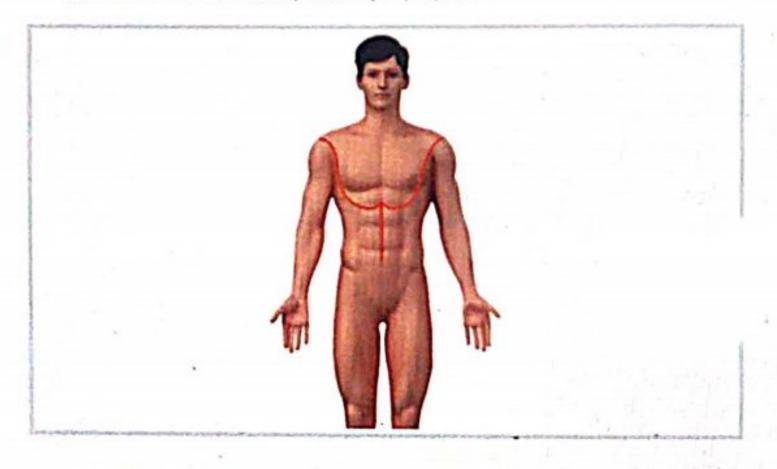
Different Types of skin Incisions

- 1. "I" Incision
- · Starting from chin to pubic symphysis
- Most commonly used.



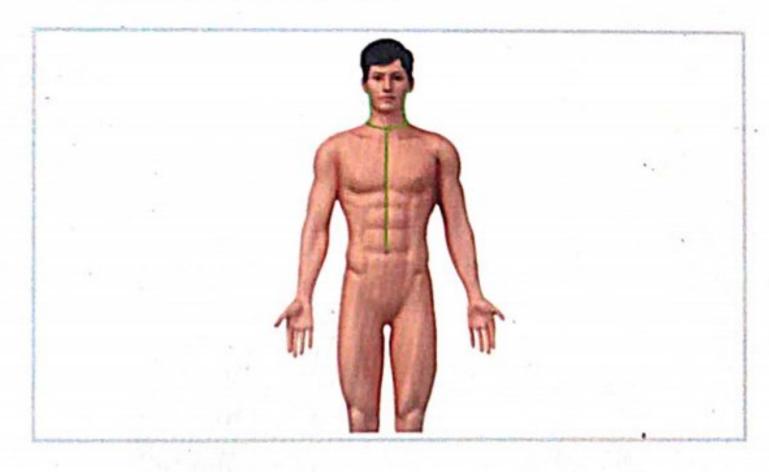
2. "Y" Incision

 Starting from shoulders on both sites reach Xiphi sternum and it comes down to the pubic symphysis.



3. Modified "Y" Incision

- Starts from mastoid comes down the lateral site of neck and then from suprasternal notch to Pubic Symphysis
- Good for neck dissection
- Preferred in Asphyxial deaths.



Different Techniques of Organ Removal in Autopsy

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- Virchow's Method
 - One by one removal of organs
 - o M/C method used.
- Letulle's / En mass Method
 - o En-Mass Removal or Evisceration
 - o RAPID method
 - o Also used to study anatomical relation
 - Removal of attachment of tongue and from there we remove all the thoracoabdominal organs together as single mass. Then we dissect the organs.
- Ghon's Method
 - o En-block Removal
 - Targets only one particular area.
 - Ex: In Sexual offence Only pelvic organ are removed.
 In Thoracic pathology / Trauma Only thoracic organ are removed.
- Rokitansky Method
 - o In-situ method
 - Organ not removed outside the body to avoid spillage and exposure.
 - Used for infectious diseases.
 - boo'Example: HIV, Hepatitis patient, Covid pt.

Heart Dissection

Inflow outflow method: Start cutting from RA → RV → LA → LV

Brain dissection

 Can be done as Fresh (commonly done) or Fixation with Formalin (best)

Stomach dissection

- Double ligation method
 - Cut stomach out by applying two ligatures at the ends and cut in middle.
 - The area along lesser curvature has max damage due to poisoning. This is known as Magenstrasse
 - So, we open stomach along greater curvature in poisoning cases.

Spinal cord dissection

- Not routinely opened unless we suspect spinal injuries
- · 2 approaches: Anterior and posterior.
- · Posterior is easier and better.

Air embolism

Pyrogallol test, done to detect air embolism, Brown color indicates positive test

Which cavity to be opened first when starting autopsy?

- Cranium
 - In poisoning cases
 - Asphyxial death cases to decompress vessels
- Thorax
 - Pneumothorax case to demonstrate presence of air in thorax
- Abdomen
 - New born babies: To check level of diaphragm
- Asphyxia deaths: Cranium → Thorax → Abdomen → Neck
 - o This is to provide bloodless dissection.

Table 7.1

	Medicolegal Autopsy	Clinical / Pathological Autopsy
Types of death	M/C type of autopsy in India • Done in unnatural deaths - Suicide, Homicide	Done in Natural deaths
Authorization by	Consent from Investigation officer (IO), Police/ Magistrate	Relative give consent (cannot be done without consent)
Complete / Partial	Complete autopsy	Partial autopsy



Previous Year Questions

Q. In autopsy, the doctor tied the bronchus and checked the floating and sinking of the lung. The test is identified as?

(FMGE Aug 2020)

- A. Getter's test
- B. Diatoms test
- C. Hydrostatic test
- D. Ploquet's test

- Q. In corrosive acid case, stomach is opened along?
 (FMGE Jun 2019)
 - A. Lesser curvature
 - B. Greater curvature
 - C. Vertical
 - D. Pylorus

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THANATOLOGY



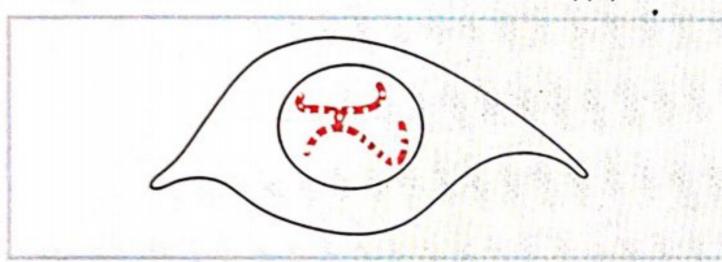
- · Study of Death
- Defined by Sec. 46-IPC
- · Somatic death: Clinically dead
- · Cellular/Molecular death: Death at cellular level
- Gap between these two can be used for organ harvesting/ cadavericuse
- Forensic Taphonomy: Study of PM resorption of the body.

PM CHANGES

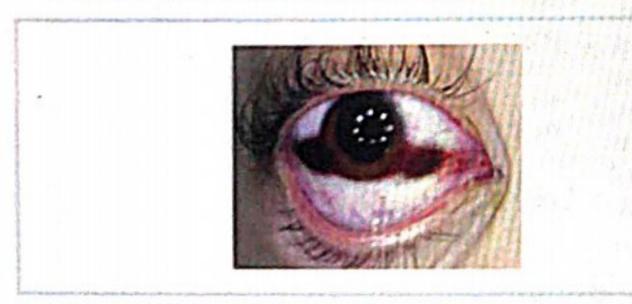
Helps us to know Time Since Death (TSD)

Eye Changes

 Kevorkian Sign / Railway tracking sign: Retinal vessels appear fragmented due to sudden cessation of blood supply.



- · Occurs within few minutes after death.
- Earliest eye change.
- Determine time since death/ post mortem interval
- Tache Noire: Two triangle shaped opacities on sclera.
 Eyelids are open, dust will deposit on the Sclera / drying.
- It takes 3-6 hrs to appear after death.



 Vitreous K' level: Vitreous Sample is the best medium for TSD. Vitreous K' is the reliable indicator for time since death. K' level rise after death. It has linear correlation with death.

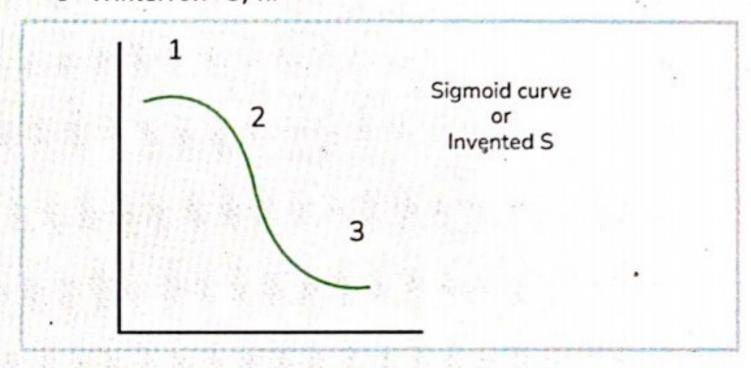
Algor Mortis

- PM cooling of body: \(\psi\) core body temperature. Starts within
 15 mins after death
- Sites to Record Core Temp of Body
 - o Ideal Site: Sub hepatic Space.

o Common site: Rectum (C/I in sodomy)

Temperature is measured by "Chemical thermometer" Thanatometer

- 25 cm long
- Algor mortis curve: Sigmoid or Inverted S.
- Average rate of fall in temperature (0.4-0.7 / hr)
 - o Summer: 0.5°C/hr
 - o Winter: 0.7°C/hr



Time Since death :

Normal body Temp. - Rectal Temp.

Rate of fall of Temp.

PM Caloricity

- Body remains warm after death (1-2 hrs)
- Prolonged raised temperature seen in
 - Nux vomica (due to convulsions)
 - o Tetanus
 - o Heat stroke

This phenomenon is not seen in Burn cases

Livor Mortis / PM Staining / Hypostasis / Cadaveric Lividity / Suggillation / Vibices



 Blood settles down in capillaries and venules of dependent parts of body.

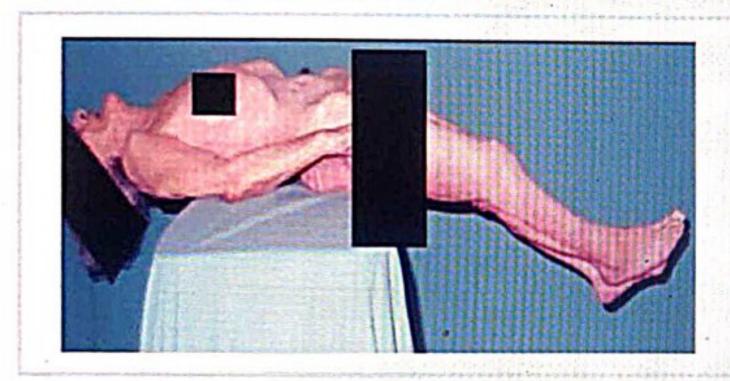
- If supine position LM occurs in back of head, back of chest, back of abdomen and back of legs.
- If the body is suspended in the vertical position it causes "Glove and Stocking" distribution.



Important Information

- Onset = 30 mins 2 hrs after death
- Significantly appears in 4 hrs
- · Maxin 6-12 hrs
- Livor Mortis is absent in severe anemia/severe bleeding / body in fast flowing river as body keeps on rolling.
- Fixation of LM 8 hours (Average)
 - On applying pressure if blanching seen, it means not fixed
 - If no blanching seen, then fixed
 - Once fixed it will not change even if body position is changed
- Contact pallor Pale areas on tight contact

Rigor Mortis / Cadaveric Rigidity



- PM Stiffening of Body
- Changes in Muscle after death
- Three phases of Rigor Mortis:
 - o Primary relaxation
 - Rigor Mortis (Stiff)
 - Secondary relaxation (Decomposition)
- Rigor Mortis (Stiffness) begins when \(\pri \) ATP occurs, and at 85 %
 of normal ATP level onset of RM begins
- RM is generalised involves both involuntary and voluntary muscles. Involuntary muscles are involved earlier than voluntary muscles.



Important Information

- Overall 1st site to Appear: Myocardium
- Externally 1st site to Appear: Eyelid

Nysten's Rule

- Sequence of Rigor Mortis progression
- Order of Appearance and Disappearance → Proximal to Distal / Descending pattern: Eyelids → Neck → Jaw, Facial muscles → Thorax → U/L → Abdomen → LL → Fingers & Toes

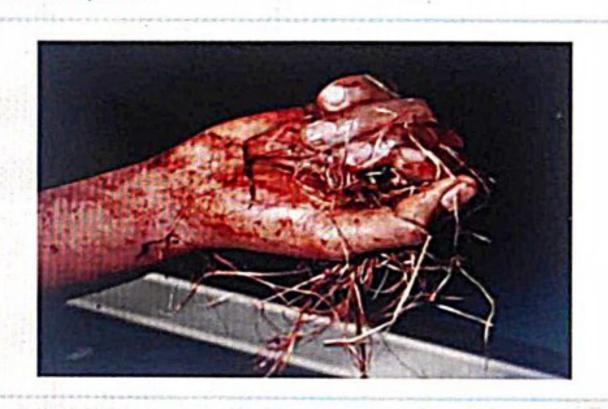
Rule of 12

- Starts in 60 minutes, reaches maximum in 12 hrs, stays in body for 12 hrs and disappears from body in another 12 hrs.
- Max 12 hrs, Persist 12 hrs, Disappears 12 hrs

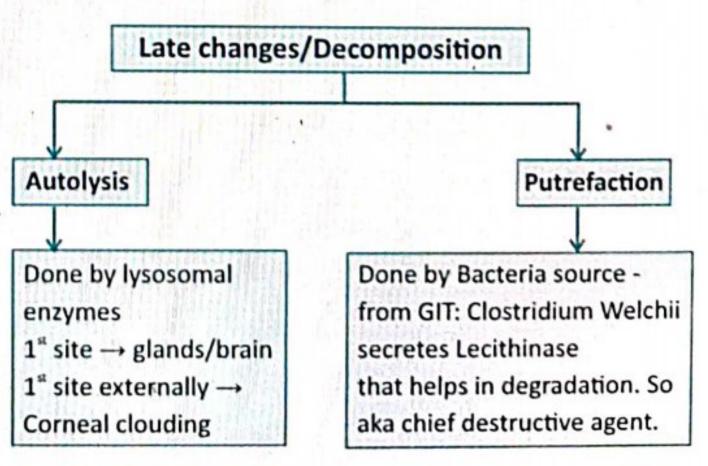
Situation mimicking Rigor Mortis

- Heat stiffening: Due to protein coagulation also called as Boxer's attitude/ pugilistic attitude
- Cold stiffening: Due to frozen body
- Gas stiffening: Due to decomposing gas
- Cadaveric spasm

Cadaveric Spasm



- · Aka Instantaneous Rigor i.e., Occurs immediately after death
- No primary relaxation phases
- Whichever muscle used at the time of death, remains in spasm even after death.
- · Tells the last act and manner of death.
- No Mechanism is known
- ALWAYS ANTEMORTEM
- Spasm of a group of Voluntary Muscle → which are in use at time of death



Changes in Decomposition

- 1. Colour change
- 2. Gas formation
- 3. Liquefaction of tissues (5-10 days)

1. Colour change -

- Internally: Reddish brown discoloration in Aortic lumen (overall 1")
- External: Greenish discoloration of "Right iliac fossa" i.e.
 caecum 1" external sign of putrefaction.



Important Information

- Green colour due to sulph haemoglobin
- Summer-12-18 hr. Winter 24 48 hr



2. Gas Formation

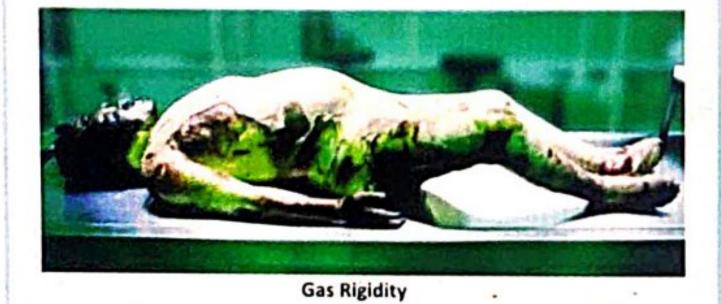
- H2S: The most important gas being produced
- Hb + H2S Sulphhemoglobin leads to greenish staining of vessels seen as greenish marking on skin k/a Marbling.
- Time taken for it is 36-72 hrs
- · Gas stiffening: Rigidity
- PM skin blisters (gas bubble inside them)





PM Blisters

Marbling



Casper's Dictum

The rate of Putrefaction in different Medium

Air (Fastest)	Water	Earth (Slowest - Soil)
1 week	2 weeks	8 weeks

Order of Putrefaction

- 1" Site: Larynx and Trachea
- Early: Stomach → Intestine → Spleen → Liver → Brain →
 Heart
- (Mnemonic-Sister Lily's Brittle Heart)
- Late: Prostrate / Uterus (Nulliparous) → Skin → Tendon
- Last Site: Bone, Teeth

Refer Table 8.1

Embalming

04:22:38

- Artificial method of preservation of dead body by injecting embalming fluid
- · Ethanol is not used in Embalming.
- Best method: Discontinuous injection and drainage
- · Best: When done within 4-6 hrs of death
- Should not be done before autopsy (Punishable)

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Important Information

- Normal skin color after embalming= brown
- Embalming of jaundiced body gives green colour.

Exhumation

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- Digging out of the body, done only under magistrate inquest 176 CrPC.
- · No time limit.
- Preserve soil sample to exclude any soil contamination of body (M/C metal - Arsenic)

Entomology

04:25:11

- Study of insects
 - Life cycle: Eggs → Larva → Maggots → Pupa → Flies
- Life cycle of insect in a dead body can determine time since death.
- We can also determine place of disposal.
- · We can identify the cause (poising) of death.

Table 8.1

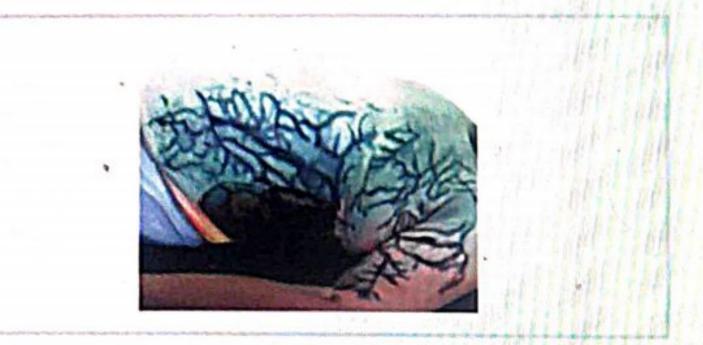
	Adipocere / Saponification	Mummification
Mechanism	Fat converted to wax(fatty acids + calcium) like Substance	Drying and dehydration body: Mummification
Factors .	Body exposed to warm, moist climate Lipase enzyme and Clostridium welchii needed	Body exposed to dry / hot climate.
Smell	Ammoniacal smell	Odourless
Time	3 days - 3 month	3 month - 1 year



Previous Year Questions

Q. Identify the Phenomenon?

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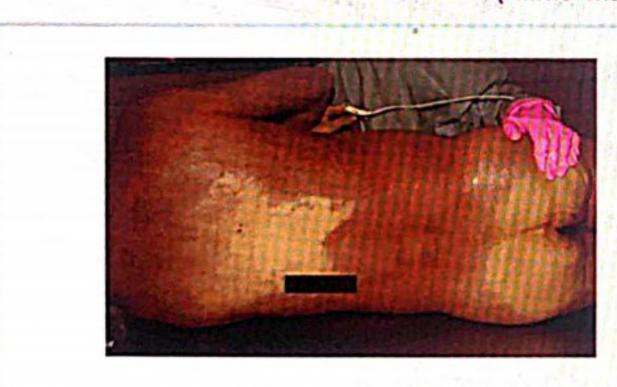


- A. Filigree Burn
- B. Marbling
- C. Hypostasis
- D. Poisoning
- Q. First PM change in a dead body?

(FMGE May 2018)

- A. Maggot formation
- B. Putrefaction
- C. Greenish discoloration of right iliac fossa
- D. Mummification
- Q. Which of the following is present in the image below?

(AIIMS May 2019)



- A. Rigor mortis
- B. Algor mortis
- C. Suggillation
- D. Marbling
- Q. Rigor mortis first seen in?

(NEET Jan 2019)

- A. Eyelid
- B. Heart
- C. Limbs
- D. Neck

- Q. According to Nysten rule, which of the following is the correct sequence of appearance of rigor mortis? (AIIMS Nov 2017)
 - A. Eyelid neck thorax upper limb
 - B. Face neck upper limb thorax
 - C. Orbicularis occuli facial muscle jaw neck upper limb
 - D. Orbicularis occuli face upper limb thorax
- Q. True about pugilistic attitude?

(AIIMS May 2018)

- A. Indicate only antemortem burn
- B. Indicate only postmortem burn
- C. Cannot differentiate between antemortem & Postmortem burn
- D. Indicate defense by victim during antemortem death
- Q. In the case of RTA, the dead body showed spasm of a group of muscles immediately after death. In which of the following conditions primary relaxation is not seen?

(FMGE DEC 2020)

- A. Heat stiffening
- B. Cold stiffening
- C. Cadaveric spasm
- D. Rigor mortis
- Q. Which of the following is the first organ to putrefy?

(NEET Jan 2018) .

- A. Brain
- B. Heart
- C. Prostate
- D. Kidney
- Q. Which of the following is not used as a preservative in chemical analysis? (NEET Jan 2019)
 - A. Glycerine
 - B. Formalin
 - C. Rectified spirit
 - D. Salt solution

13 TOXICOLOGY



01:32:55

01:33:40

Study of Poisons - Toxicology

Study of toxin - Toxinology

Study of venom - Venomics

CLASSIFICATION OF POISONS

C - Corrosives

I - Irritants

N - Neurotoxic

C - Cardiotoxic

A - Asphyxiants

M - Miscellaneous

Corrosives

Acids	Alkali
 Damage by Coagulative Necrosis Except hydrofluoric acid 	Liquefactive necrosis (More Dangerous)

Irritants

Non metallic	Metals	Plant	Animal
Phosphorus	Mercury, Lead, Arsenic	Ricin Abrus Semecarpus Croton Calotropis	Snake Scorpion

Neurotoxic

- Cerebral
 - o Delirium. Eg-Datura, Cocaine, Cannabis
 - o Inebriant Alcohol, Chloral hydrate (Mickey Finn)
 - Somniferous Opiates
- SPINAL
 - Strychnos nux vomica
 - Gelsimium
- Peripheral nerve Conium maculatum (hemlock) causes ascending paralysis

Cardiac

MNEMONIC: Car DONA

DIGITALIS (Foxglove)

OLEANDER (Kaner)

NICOTINE

ACONITE (Monk hood, Mitha zaher)

Asphyxiants

CO, H,S, HCN

Miscellaneous

Agricultural poison

Food poisoning

Poisons / Conditions and colour of Hypostasis

CO-Cherry red

- Cyanide Bright red
- Hypothermia-Pink
- Phosphorus Dark brown
- Hydrogen sulphide Bluish green
- · Aniline Deep blue / brown
- · Nitrites Reddish brown
- Opiates-Black

Poisons and Smell

- HYDROGEN CYANIDE Bitter almonds
- Arsenic and phosphorus Garlic, (OPC)
- Alcohol Fruity, acetone
- Hydrogen sulphide Rotten egg (disulfiram, mercaptans)
- · OPC-Kerosenesmell
- Zinc phosphide Fishy
- Marijuana Burnt rope
- Hemlock Mousy odour

Poisons and Stomach Mucosa

Stomach Mucosa Appearance	Poisons
Red velvety stomach	Arsenic
- Black necrotic	H₂SO₄
Yellowish skin, teeth and stomach mucosa (Due to picric acid XANTHOPROTEICRXN)	• HNO,

 BUFF/WHITE COLOR Thickening (Leathery) (Rest all acids cause thinning of mucosa) 	Carbolic Acid
Slate grey mucosa	Mercury
• Blue	• CuSO ₄ , Sodium amytal

VISCERA PRESERVATION

- · Routinely these organs are preserved
 - o Stomach
 - Small intestine (proximal)
 - o Liver
 - Kidney
 - o Blood (most reliable)
- · In cases of known poisoning preserve
 - Spinal cord Strychnos nux vomica, Gelsimium
 - o Heart-Aconite
 - Brain Alcohol (Cerebral poisons)
 - o Fatty tissues Insecticides
 - o Bone, hair, nail Heavy metal poison
 - o Lungs-Volatile poison.

Preservatives

- Saturated solution of NACL (most commonly used)
 - Avoid in aconite and corrosive poisoning except carbolic acid
- Rectified spirit (95% alcohol) (Best)
 - Avoid in alcohol, formalin, phosphorus, phenol poisoning.
- For Blood NaF, Potassium Oxalate
- For Urine NaF, Thymol, Toluene
- No preservative needed in
 - o Lung
 - o Hair
 - o Bone
 - o Nail
- Formalin cannot be used for toxicological analysis, chemical analysis, viscera preservation. It is used only for histopathological examination

LEGAL DUTIES OF A DOCTOR

- 39 CrPC: Intimation to police
- 176 IPC: Punishable for not informing
- 177 IPC: Punishable for false information
- Suicidal and alive: No need to inform
- Suicidal and dead: Inform
- Preserve the evidences
 - Disappearance of evidence is punishable under 201 IPC

DECONTAMINATION

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- Gastric lavage: Effective if done within 1 3 hrs.
 - o Done by Lavacuator (ideal) or Ewalds tube or Ryle's tube
 - o Contraindication
 - → C-Corrosives (Except phenol)
 - → C Comatose condition
 - → S Convulsant poisoning (Strychnos nux vomica)
 - → K Volatile (Kerosene). Due to risk of aspiration.
- Activated Charcoal Physical antidote



- o Powder mixed with water and then ingested
- Poison bind to surface of charcoal This property is known as adsorption
- o Avoid in CHIM
 - → C Corrosives
 - → H Hydrocarbon
 - → I Insecticide
 - → M Metal
- Antidotes
 - o Arsenic-BAL, DMSA
 - o Copper-Pencillamine, DMSA
 - o Iron-Desferrioxamine
 - o Lead-EDTA, DMSA
 - o Mercury DMSA, BAL except Organic mercury
 - o Cocaine-AMYLNITRITE
 - o Beta blocker Glucagon
 - o Carbon Monoxide High flow oxygen
 - Cyanide Hydroxocobalamin, Nitrites, Amyl nitrite, Sodium nitrite
 - Digitalis Digibind also in oleander
 - o Morphine Naloxone sodium
 - Methanol Ethanol and Fomepizole
 - o OPC-Atropine, Oximes
 - o Carbamates Atropine
 - Organochlorine Symptomatic treatment
 - o Pyretheroids Also symptomatic treatment



Previous Year Questions

Q. Gastric lavage is allowed in which corrosive poisoning?

(JIPMER 2017)

- A. Paint thinner ingestion
- B. Lysolingestion
- C. Crude toilet disinfectant ingestion
- D. Battery acid ingestion
- Q. A 3 year old child brought to hospital with history of consumption of iron tablets. History of abdominal pain, diarrhoea & vomiting. The child is in comatose condition. The treatment is?

 (NEET PG 2022)
 - A. Desferrioxamine
 - B. BAL
 - C. Activated charcoal
 - D. Penicillamine
- Q. The antidote in opioid poisoning is?

(NEET PG 2022)

- A. Methadone
- B. Naloxone
- C. Flumazenil
- D. Oximes
- Q. A girl had been brought with history of paracetamol tablets from a medicine bottle. The treatment to be given is?

(NEET PG 2022)

- A. Nacetyl cysteine
- B. Naloxone
- C. Flumazenil
- D. Atropine
- Q. In a case of lead poisoning the enzymes inhibited are?

(NEET PG.2022)

- A. ALA synthase
- B. Uroporphyrinogen III synthetase
- C. ALA dehydratase & ferrochelatase
- D. Coproporphyrinogen reductase
- Q. Lead poisoning 60 mcg / 100 ml. The treatment is?

(FMGE 2022)

- A. EDTA
- B. DMSA
- C. EDTA + DMSA
- D. Penicillamine

Q. Identify the poisonous plant having yellow flowers and seeds are contained in pricky capsules? (INI CET-May-2022)



- A. Argemona mexicana
- B. Nerium odorum
- C. Papaver somniferum
- D. Calotropis procera
- Q. All the following are muscarinic manifestations of organophosphorus poisoning, except? (INICET 2022)
 - A. Urinary incontinence and diuresis
 - B. Bradycardia
 - C. Mydriasis
 - D. Bronchoconstriction
- Q. Most characteristic feature of muscarinic symptoms in OPC poisoning among the following? (INI CET 2022)
 - A. Respiratory symptoms like salivation, rhinorrhea, bronchorrhea and bronchospasm
 - B. Mydriatic pupil
 - C. Tachycardia
 - D. Skeletal muscle contraction
- Q. A 27 year old patient comes to emergency with salivation, diarrhoea, watery eyes, dysuria. What will be first line of management?

 (INICET 2022)
 - A. IV calcium gluconate
 - B. Atropine
 - C. Pralidoxime
 - D. Glucagon