

PATTERNS OF INJURY BY SHARP WEAPONS RESULTING IN FATAL HOMICIDAL DEATHS –A MEDICO LEGAL AUTOPY IN TERTIARY GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS

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ABSTRACT

The distinction between homicidal, suicidal and accidental wounding is a central issue in forensic pathology [1]. Besides hanging and self-shooting, self-inflicted sharp force injuries are a well-recognized method of suicide; the throat/neck region is a site which – thus easily accessible – might rarely be involved in such fatalities [5, 11]. In some of the cases, differentiation of injury patterns with regard to the manner of death can be difficult, also being related to unusual crime scenescenarios, not typical for suicide [13]. In this paper discussed various patterns of injuries by sharp weapons resulting in fatal homicidal deaths recorded in Government tertiary care hospitals of Bangalore city . After a first sceptic approach of forensic pathologists and police investigators regarding the pattern of injuries and crime scene features, all cases were deemed as homicidal deaths.

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