

TUTORIAL 1

Two thieves entered into a house armed with an iron rod and a knife. The occupant of the house woke up hearing noises. He identified them as thieves and an altercation ensued.

The occupant was given a blow to the head with the iron rod two times. The first blow the occupant defended with the right hand but the second blow landed on his right temporal region. There was profuse bleeding from the right portion of the head.

During this time the second thief stabbed him on the right side of the abdomen. When he attempted to stab for the second time the occupant grabbed the weapon and prevented any further stabbing.

The neighbours woke up hearing loud cries and brought the injured man to a tertiary care hospital. The thieves were handed over to the Police.

At the time of admission the pulse rate, blood pressure and breathing were within normal limits. He had regained consciousness while nearing the hospital. Emergency laparotomy was performed but there were no internal injuries and the stab injury had entered into the abdominal cavity. Later he was admitted to the ICU and a head injury observation chart was maintained. He was discharged from the hospital after 1 week.

1. Briefly discuss the injuries the occupant would have suffered to his upper extremities giving reasons
2. State the possible head injuries you would anticipate in the house owner and the rationale for maintaining a head injury observation chart.
3. Briefly discuss the possible abdominal injuries (external and internal) this man can suffer after the stab injury to the right abdomen
4. How the examining of a stab injury would help to identify the weapon?
5. Briefly enumerate the category of hurt you would initial in the MLEF giving reasons.