

LEGAL MEDICINE & TOXICOLOGY

Tutorial 1

A 45-year-old male was admitted to the hospital by police following an assault by villagers. He was suspected to be involved in a robbery. On admission he was bleeding from the head, nose and right upper extremity and complained of severe abdominal pain. The history revealed that there were several blows to the head by an iron rod. He was also kicked to the abdomen and punched to the face. One of the villagers was trying to assault him with a Manna knife but he tried to prevent it.

Part A

- 1 Briefly discuss the possible injuries to scalp and skull due to blows with iron rod
- 2 Describe the injuries to the abdomen other than the viscera due to kicking
- 3 Outline the facial injuries following punching
- 4 Discuss the soft tissue injuries to the right upper extremity due to assault with Manna knife

Part B

The Bed Head Ticket (BHT) 123456/20 revealed the following important findings.

- a. An exploratory laparotomy detected a splenic laceration with collection of 500ml of blood in the peritoneal cavity. A splenectomy was performed to arrest bleeding.
 - b. A CT scan of the head showed a thin subdural hemorrhage
 - c. Fracture of the mid shaft of right radius
5. Mention the category of hurt you will record in the Medico – Legal report (MLR) based on the above BHT findings and the relevant comments
- a.
 - b.
 - c.

6. State the category of hurt you will initial in the Medico legal Examination Form (MLEF) (police copy) and any remarks based on the BHT findings