

Profile of Assault Cases at a Tertiary Care Hospital in North Karnataka

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ABSTRACT

Assault forms an inevitable part of medicolegal cases of a hospital casualty department. The attending doctor who provides medical care to victims of assault cases should be aware of proper handling of such cases. The present retrospective study of assault cases was carried out at a tertiary care centre in North Karnataka. The study revealed that most of the patients were males, individuals aged 21-30 yrs were more commonly injured, injury by blunt weapon was the commonest, injuries to the head and neck region (including face) were the most, contusion was the commonest injury, 18.00-23.59 hrs was the commonest period of assault, most of the patient were treated on inpatient basis and majority of the injuries were nonfatal.

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