



## Pathology & Biology Section – 2004

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### **G1 Penetrating Wound of Head by Slingshot: Medicolegal Aspects**

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After attending this presentation, attendees will understand the occurrence of medicolegal problems when medical doctor conducts incomplete/improper examination of head wound; and understand the consequences of negligent conduct of doctor during trial.

This case of slingshot intracranial head injury is very unusual. Attention of medical officers is once again drawn to the medicolegal problems that can be caused by the improper/incomplete examination of wound.

The author autopsied an unusual case of penetrating wound of head by slingshot (piece of stone).

The case was initially discharged from casualty after stitching the head wound. The patient died at home of intracranial infection. Autopsy revealed a skull fracture and intracranial stone piece.

This case highlights that no head injury should be ignored as trivial injury. Careful examination of the wound could have prevented a fatality and possible medico-legal problems.

**Head Injury, Slingshot, Homicide**