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Modern Diagnoses and Treatment of Traumatic Brain Injury

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Traumatic brain injury (TBI)

- Are a frequent morbidity and mortality cause in the European countries.
- Incidence between 229 and 1.967 for 100.000 inhabitants
- Highest incidence in men between 15 and 24 years
- Most frequent cause of death for humans under 45 years in Europe

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Damage on the impact pole:

- a, b) Direct damage due to contact of the skull bone leads to lesions on the surface of the brain
- c, d) Due to snapping back of the elastic skull bone, negative pressure occurs
 Damage on the counter pole with negative pressure causes tissue damage due to gas bubbles (gas, solved in tissue under normal pressure)

Forms and Biomechanic of TBI

Two forms of TBI

- Closed cerebral trauma sometimes combined with fracture of skull
- Open brain injury by a penetrating object (bullet, etc.)
 - Physical formula of TBI
- Two physical factors play a role:
 b = v² / 2s
 speed v
 acceleration b
 deceleration distance s



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- Linear brain injury (Grcevic) acceleration or deceleration trauma, damage on brain tissue depends on localisation, intensity, direction of impact
- Rotational trauma
 (Pudenz-Shelden)

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Patterns of cerebral trauma Acceleration – Deceleration

- Linear brain injury
 - Outer brain injury Coup - local lesions on the impact region Counter coup – opposite to the impact
- Inner brain injury
 - a) Inner upper brain injury lesions: corpus callosum, septum pellucidum, fornix, thalamus, hypothalamus, cingulum
 - b) Inner lower brain injury midbrain (substantia nigra, perirubral zone, crura cerebri, tegmentum, periaqueductal gray, upper pons), perihippocampus, uncus amygdalae, cerebellum





Classification of brain injury

- Mild traumatic brain injury (brain commotion, Commotio Cerebri, Hirnerschütterung) Glasgow Coma Scale (GCS) = 13 – 15
- Moderate traumatic brain injury (brain contusion, Contusio Cerebri, mild degree) GCS = 9 – 12

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- Severe traumatic brain injury (brain contusion, Contusio Cerebri, severe degree) GCS = 5 - 8
- Severest brain injury upper brain stem symptoms (acute midbrain syndrome) GCS < 5

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