

# POSTTRAUMATIC EPILEPSY (DR. MUKASAJBN)

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# Defn & Mechanism of injury

- Blunt injury
- High velocity penetrating objects
- Motor vehicle accidents

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# Epidemiology

- Less in developed countries
- More in developing countries
- Dr. Lugemwa's article of 3-11-2008= 1st accident in June, 1922 on Masaka Rd
- This year >3000 people dead

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# Neurosurgical ward , Mulago Hosp admission

- Total=1528
- Head injury= 1077.....70.4%
- Tumors = 122.....8%
- Congenital=109.....7.1%
- Others(stroke, SAH).....14.5%
  
- Boda >> >metallic bars >cars>fall from height

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# Risk factor in TBI to PTE

- GCS <10
- Cortical contusion
- Intracranial hemorrhages
- Penetration of the brain
- Seizure with 24hrs after injury

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# Classification

- Early < a week
- Late > a week

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# Diagnosis

- Thorough History taking
- Neurological exams
- Neuroimaging
- EEG

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# Management

- Antiepileptic
- Vagal nerve stimulation
- Surgical resection of epileptogenic lesion
- Life style modification
- Counseling

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# Shortcomings during Mx

- Lack of specialists( psychiatric, neuro,etc)
- Lack of equipment
- Expensive antiepileptic Rx

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# Conclusion

- Despite several “interventions” used to prevent PTE the only proven intervention to date is to prevent TBI from occurring !!!!!!!!!!!
- THEREFORE ALWAYS WHILE YOU ARE ON THE ROAD ASSUME THAT THE REST WILL MAKE A MISTAKE EXCEPT YOU!!!

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