PROFILE AND PATTERN OF MEDICO LEGAL CASES ATTENDING TERTIARY CARE HOSPITAL IN NORTH INDIA

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ABSTRACT

Aim

To describe various types of medico-legal cases with respect to various demographic profiles and other parameters attending a tertiary care institute.

Material and Methods: This is a prospective study in which 1136 medico-legal cases were studied. These cases attended the tertiary care institute from 1st Jan. 2014 to 30th June 2014 & the information was collected with respect to their demographic profile included age, sex distribution, type of injury and time of occurrence of various injuries. Data was analyzed statistically using SPSS version 18.

Results: Out of 1136 cases studied, 841 (74.03%) were males and 295 (25.97%) were females. Majority of patients were between 21-30 years of age (28.3%) followed by 11-20 years and 31-40 years age group. RTA constituted majority of the cases (48.08%) followed by assault (30.63%) and poisoning (9.24%) The peak time of the incidences was during 12.01 pm- 4 pm.

Conclusion: To draw public attention and awareness towards medico legal emergencies and sensitize the doctors about handling of these cases.

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