

Identification

Means,

Determination of a personal identity of an individual, it can be partial or complete & it can be done in a live person or in a dead body.

Criminal investigations

Missing cases

Inheritance of property / legal heir

Massacre disaster

Insurance cases

Nullity of Marriages

Sexual offence cases etc.

Necessary

Corpus Delicti

Body of crime / Essence of crime / Evidence

Parameters

Help in identification

i) Race & religion

ii) Sex

iii) Age

iv) Stature

v) Finger prints

vi) DNA fingerprinting

vii) Tattoos

viii) Occupational marks

ix) Special physical features

x) Hair, teeth examⁿ & gait

xi) Deformities, Voice

xii) Handwriting, Tricks & Manners

Age

AGE DETERMINATION

Medicolegal Importance

of 1 year $\Rightarrow$ $< 1 \text{ year} \rightarrow$ Infant

Deliberate killing of infant $\rightarrow$ infanticide

7 years $\Rightarrow$ (Criminal responsibility)

Any person is less than 7 years, are not responsible for any criminal acts.

12 years $\Rightarrow$ (Consent)

Any consent for less than 12 years, is invalid.

Above 12 years, they can give consent for simple medical exams but not for any procedures (or) Surgeries.

$\rightarrow$ for any procedures & Surgeries - Minimum 18 yrs required.

$\rightarrow$ parents should not abandon any child who is $< 12 \text{ years}$.

14 years $\Rightarrow$ (Child labour)

No child would be Employed $< 14 \text{ years}$

Employed in non-hazardous places, 14-18 years

any place [Employed] $> 18 \text{ years}$.

Minimum Eligible age to enter into Govt. services - 18 yrs

18 years

$< 18 \text{ years}$ - Juvenile / child

$> 18 \text{ years}$ - Adult.



Attainment of Majority

- Right to cast vote
- Driving license
- Bank account
- Inheritance of property
- Marriage for girls
- Govt. Job
- Consent is valid - above 18 years
- procedures & surgeries.

21 years

- Marriage for boys
- attainment of majority - in insane persons.
- Age for possessing the firearms.

25 years

- Contest in MLAs/MPs in India
- 25 - 35 yrs - Vice president & president
- 60 yrs - Retirement of Govt. Jobs
- 70 yrs - Retirement of private. Jobs
- 17 yrs → Minimum age of Entrance in [NEET] Medical cg.

Age determination

Done by 3 following exam's.

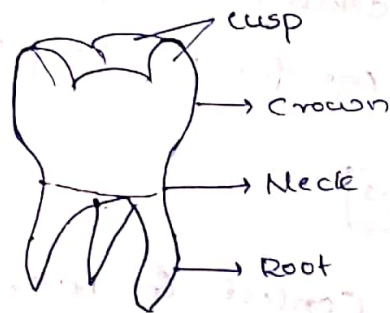
- ① physical exam
- ② Dental exam
- ③ Radiological exam. (ossification test)

Physical exam

Age can be detected by examining the growth of the person, Development of the body (physical features) like height, weight, built, hair & secondary sexual characteristic features.

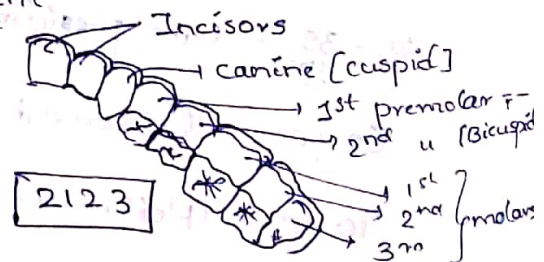
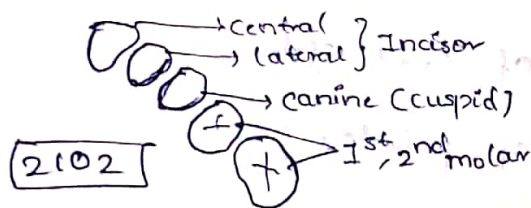
Dental exam

The puberty



Deciduous/Temporary

Permanent



Eruption of deciduous Teeth

Central incisor	lower
	upper
lateral incisor	upper
	lower

1st molar

Canine

2nd molar

Age of Eruption

6-8 months
7-9 months
7-9 months
10-12 months

12-14 months

17-18 months

20-30 months.



Eruption of permanent teeth.

Teeth	Age of Eruptions
1 st molar	6-7 yrs
Central Incisor	6-8 yrs
Lateral incisor	7-9 yrs
1 st bicuspid	9-11 yrs
2 nd bicuspid	10-12 yrs
Canine	11-12 yrs
2 nd molar	12-14 yrs
3 rd molar	17-25 yrs

Diff. b/w Temporary & permanent teeth.

Trait	Temporary teeth	permanent teeth
Size	Smaller, lighter	heavier, stronger, broader
Direction	Ant. teeth vertical	usually inclined forward
Crown	China white - colour or Milky white	Ivory-white - colour
Neck	ridge/more constricted	less constricted
root	Roots of molars are smaller & more diverged	Roots of molars are larger & less divergent.

Dental Exmⁿ

Total No. of teeth present:

All teeth are permanent or temporary or mixed dentition.

Total No. of sockets present (Mandible)

Palmer's Notation

	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
R	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

Mixed dentition - B/w 6-12 yrs

Presence of both temporary & permanent teeth in same oral cavity.

No. of teeth by 2-6 yrs = 20

7 yrs = 24 [4 permanent, 20 temporary]

10 yrs = 24 [16 permanent, 8 temporary]

12 yrs = 24 [20 permanent, 4 temporary]

Super added teeth:

those which are not having temporary predecessors

Calc permanent molar teeth - (2)

Successional permanent teeth

Those erupt at places of temporary teeth -

all permanent teeth except molars.

Super numerary teeth, & natal teeth.

Spacing of Jaw.

Natal teeth

Natal - Birth.

The 1st tooth in the oral cavity, at the birth is called Natal teeth.

MLI → Very friable, soft, easily dislodged, even with minute pressure.

Spacing of Jaw

→ it is space of eruption of 3rd permanent molar, behind the 2nd permanent molar.

→ If space is present in all 4 quadrants of oral cavity, the age of person is minimum 15 years.

Age determination Examⁿ proforma

Age determination Examⁿ requisition received from _____
 of _____ P.S, was sent through PC/WPC;
 Name - _____, NO. _____ of _____ PS
 in crime no. _____ u/s of _____ PS at
 _____ time on _____ Date.

Preliminary Examⁿ

Name of the individual -
 Sex of the individual -
 Address of the individual -
 Name of the parents & address -
 Educational status -
 Right handed person or not -
 Consent of the individual - Taken / not (left thumb impression or signature)
 Consent of the parent - Taken / not
 Signature of the PC/WPC -
 Name of the ♂/♀ attendant present at the time of Examⁿ -
 Date & time of the Examⁿ.
 Place of Exam
 Age Alloted by individual
 Age Alloted by parents.
 Age as per the police requisition.
Menstrual history
 Age of menarche
 Date of last menstruation period.

Whether the menstruation phase/cycle is regular/not.

Marital status, if married - Age of marriage

No. of children

Age of 1st child

Age of last child.

Physical Exam.

Identification marks

1.

2.

Height of the individual

Weight of the individual

Build & Nutrition.

Circumference of chest - after inspiration & expiration

Circumference of abdomen at umbilical region.

Scalp hair - length & colour

capillary hair - " & "

pubic hair - " & "

Moustache - " & "

Beard - " & "

- Voice

- Development of breast

- Development of external genitalia.

- Any congenital / other deformities.

for mandible, (only downside)

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Total no. of teeth present in the given mandible is (2)
& Sockets is (12)

✓ → Erupted

3 → sockets

7 → 7 teeth

⑤ - space of jaw.

Radiological Exam

the following Exercise to be taken,

17 AP view of shoulder Joint (Rt) which ~~include~~

in upper end of humerus

(ii) Acromion Process

iii) coracoclavicular process

ix) Glenoid cavity.

v) Medial end of clavicle.

2) AP view of Rt. Elbow joint, if which includes

2) upper end of ulna

ii) lower end of fumeris

(ii) Head of the radius.

3). AP view of RT wrist joint, which includes,

i, lower end of radius & ulna.

ii) All carpal bones

(iv) All metacarpals

... are phalanges/bones

4) AP view of whole pelvis which includes

- Both iliac bones.
- Both ischial bones
- Both pubic bones
- Sacrum

- Both hip joints which includes

- upper end of femur
- head of femur
- Greater trochanter
- Lesser trochanter.

Findings in the x-rays,

Date of x-ray taken: _____

Date of x-ray received: _____

Opinion

Basing on physical, Dental, radiological Exmn, the individual is aged about _____ yrs.

Signature of
Medical officer

NOTE → The original age certificate, all x-rays were submitted to the honourable court through police.

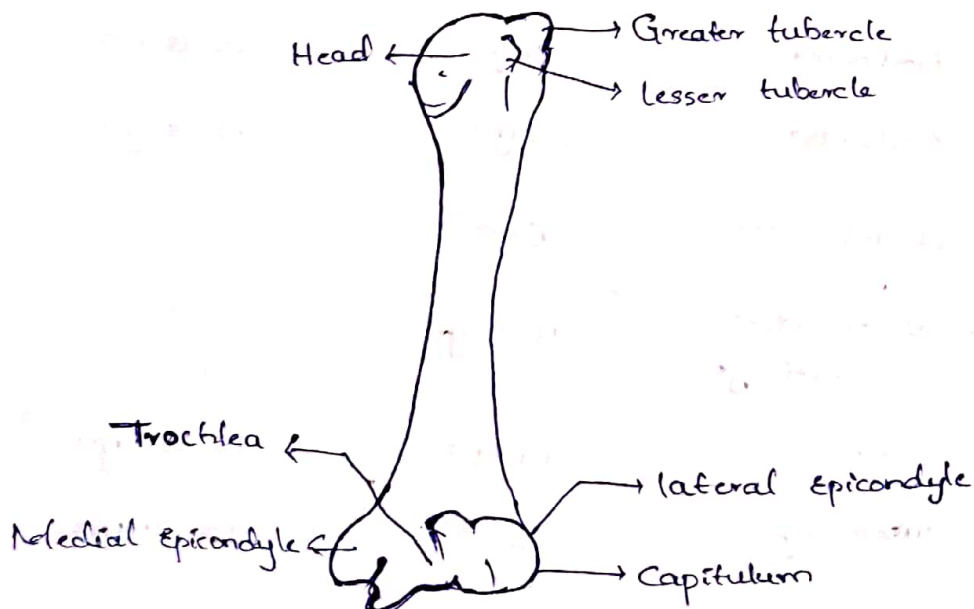
AGE DETERMINATION

X-Ray Examⁿ con ossification test

Humerus

	Age of appearance	Age of fusion
Tip of acromion	14-15 yrs	17-18 yrs
Coracoid process	10-11 yrs	16 yrs
Head of humerus	1 yr	18-19 yrs
Greater tuberosity	3 yr	18-19 yrs
Lesser tuberosity	5 yr [6 yrs all three]	18-19 yrs

	Age of appearance	Age of fusion
Medial Epicondyle	5-7 yrs	16 yrs
Lateral Epicondyle	11 yrs	16 yrs
Trochlea	10 yrs	16 yrs
Capitulum	1 yr	16 yrs
Coronoid Epiphysis	13 yrs	15-16 yrs

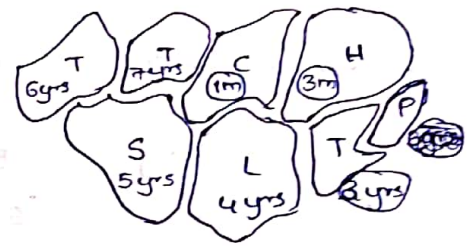


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	Age of appearance	Age of fusion
Head of radius	5 yrs	16 yrs
Lower end of radius	2 yrs	18-19 yrs
Upper end of ulna	9 yrs	16 yrs
Lower end of ulna	5 yrs	17-18 yrs

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Carpal bones	Appearance
Capitate	1 month
Hamate	3 months
Triquetrum	3 yrs
Lunate	4 yrs
Scaphoid	5 yrs
Trapezium	6 yrs
Trapezoid	6-7 yrs
Pisiform	10-12 yrs



→ Base of the 1st metacarpal (thumb) fuses by 16 yrs.

→ All phalangeal bones are fused by 15 yrs.

Ossification centre	Appearance	Fusion
Head of femur	1 yrs	17-18 yrs
Greater trochanter	4 yrs	17-18 yrs
Lesser trochanter	12 yrs	17-18 yrs
Fusion of ischiopubic rami	6 yrs	
Obliteration of triradiate cartilage	13-15 yrs	
Iliac crest	14 yrs	18-20 yrs
Ishial tuberosity	16 yrs	20-21 yrs

RACE

- ① Caucasians (Whites)
- ② Negroid (Blacks)
- ③ Mangoloid

⇒ Indians are Mixed race from Negroid & Mangoloid

Caucasians → are Europeans.

Negroids → Africans

Mangoloids → Japan, China - Asians

Caucasian & Mangoloids → Native Americans (Red Indians)

→ Colour of the skin

Eyes

Hair

Skeleton (bones)

⇒ Blumen beck's classification → Criteria → complexion

1. Negroid → Black complexion
2. Caucasians - White
3. Mangoloids - Yellow-white
4. Indians - Brown

⇒ Eyes (Iris)

Caucasians - Blue, grey, Green (rare)

Negroid - Black

Mangoloid - Brown

Indian - Brown

⇒ Hair → short, thin, curly & tough, ^{black} → Negroids

Long, tough, white (blonde) → Caucasians

Thick, hard, black → Mangoloids & Indians

Mangoloids & Indians → 

Caucasians → 

Negroid →  kidney shaped

} cut section of hair.

⇒ Skeleton

Cephalic index → $\frac{\text{Max. breadth of skull}}{\text{Max. length of skull}} \times 100$

Dolico-cephalic - 70-75 → Negroids & pure Aryans (Mc)

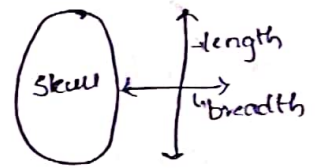
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length is more

Mesati-cephalic - 75-80 → Europeans & Indians (Mc)

Brachi-cephalic - 80-85

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Breadth is more

→ Hyperbrachi-cephalic → width is very more
→ M.C in Kyushu tribe of Japan



Orbit shape →

(C)	(M/I)	(N)

palate →

(C)	(M/I)	(N)

Nasal aperture →

(C)	(M/I)	(N)

RELIGION

⇒ Hindus are Not Circumcised } in ♂
Muslims are Circumcised

⇒ Scars due to sindoor on forehead & junction of forehead & hairline in hindu females

Most Muslim females have nose piercings.

Tattoo mark, Jewelry, Ornaments can help in identification.

SEX

if total skeleton is available - 100%.

if only skull is available - 95%.

if only pelvis is available - 92%.

if both skull & pelvis is available - 98%.

Male skull

Physical feature - Heavier, larger

Surface - Rough

Muscular markings - More prominent

Forehead - Steep & inclined

Glabellae - More prominent

frontonasal junction - More depressed

Supraorbital ridges - More prominent

Frontal & parietal Eminence - less prominent

Occipital protuberance - More prominent

Suprameatal ridge - More prominent

Zygomatic arch - More prominent

Foraminae - Larger

Mastoid process - longer, stouted

Digastric groove - More depth

Styloid process - longer, stouter

palate - larger & U-shaped

Orbits - Square, larger, set higher

Margins are round

Mandible - Angle of mandible - everted

petioles



Female skull

Smaller, lighter

smooth

less prominent

vertical

less prominent

less depressed

less prominent

more prominent

less prominent

less prominent

less prominent

smaller

smaller & thin

less depth

short & thin

smaller & parabolic

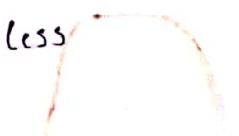
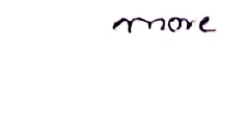
round, smaller &

circular

Margins are sharp

is not everted.



	Male pelvis	female pelvis
pelvis	Larger, heavier	Smaller, wider
Shape	funnel	flat bowl
Inlet	heart	round
iliac crest	Higher level	Lower level
ASIS	Higher level	Lower level
Obturator foramen	Larger, D^{an} Base - upwards	Smaller Apex - upwards
Greater Sciatic notch	more deeper less wider	Less deeper more wider
Ischial spine	Larger & everted	Smaller & everted
Pre-auricular sulcus	Absent / not prominent	more prominent / deep
Sacro-iliac joint	Larger, $3\frac{1}{2}$ Vertebrae level	Smaller, $2\frac{1}{2}$ vertebrae level
Acetabulum	Larger, 52 mm [D] Directed laterally	Smaller, 46 mm [D] Antero-laterally placed
Ischial tuberosity	Not everted	Everted
Ischio-pubic rami	Everted	Not everted
Sub-pubic angle	V-shaped Acute ($70-80^\circ$)	obtuse ($>85^\circ$)
Sacrum Promontory	more prominent	less prominent
Curvature (Sacrum)	less 	more 

Tattoo Marks

① Definition - These are the special patterns & designs made by needles by impregnating the colouring agents (or) pigments through multiple puncture wounds into the skin upto superficial layers of skin.

Temporary ↓

Permanent → persists for life long (or) slowly fade away.

Colouring agents are → Indian ink Prussian Blue
Indigo Vermilion
Cobalt [Lead tetra-oxide (or)
Carbon black mercuric sulfide]

Erasing the Tatoo marks → By Surgical Excision
Burning the area - fire/flame/
Corrosive sub.

Fore arms
Neck
buttocks
Dorsum of hands
Cheeks
Thighs
Ankles, Elbows
Shoulders &
Genital organs

M.C.
locations.

Laser beam technique.

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fading tattoo - evaporating
the colour agent.

- Fading of tattoo mark can occur, which it is superficial (or) Deep
- When whole dermis is involved, phagocytosis occurs & causes fading of tattoo marks.
- Faded tattoo marks can be visualized by U-V light (or) Infrared photography.

MLI

for identifying →

- Person
- Role
- religion
- Behaviour of person
- Social ~~status~~ status
- Educational status
- profession
- Economic status

Criminals often addicts use tattoo marks to hide the scars of the injection

Fingerprints

it is also called Dactylography (or) Dermatology

Latent/Gaeton-Herschel systems.

These are the patterns of the epidermal ridges on the pads of the finger. these patterns will be imprinted on the surface of contact due to constant streaming of sweat into the ridges.

In 1858, Gaeton identified finger prints
In 1892, Herschel developed methods
[1st] in Kolkata

- ① Loops → 65%
- ② Whorls → 25%
- ③ Arches → 7%
- ④ Composite → 3%



Loops



Whorls



Arches



Composite

Based on lifting the finger prints / visibility

1. Plastic Prints - Soft materials - Soap, wax, paint (or) thickened blood.

2. Latent prints - Invisible prints - Visualized by - UV light, dusting powder (chalk + Mg)

I.R photography

3. Patent / Visual Prints - Normal surfaces - blood, glass, metal, walls.

Method of collection

- ① plain method
- ② Rolling method.

Erasing

Applying the corrosives (or) burning thearca (or) plastic surgery, cutting the finger pads with knife (or) Applying the CO_2 snow are the most important methods of Erasing.

Collection of fingerprints in dead body

Fresh body - All fingers (or) cutting the terminal phalanges of all fingers & preserving them in separate containers.

Decomposed body - Degloved skin is useful to identify the fingerprints.

In case of drowning, inj. of paraffin (or) glycerin into the finger pads (or) give detail fingerprints [sodening].

MLI

Identification of person in criminal investigations like Murder, theft, sex, kidnapping, Exchange of babies & Assault.

in civil cases like question documents.

Infant Deaths

Infanticide - Deliberate killing of a child / below one year.
(or)

Destruction of [Intention] child below one year age

Feticide - killing of a foetus before birth.

Filicide - killing of baby within 24 hrs by "own parents."

Neonaticide - killing of baby within 24 hrs after birth

Investigation of infant death - should be done by following features.

1) To detect the Age of foetus.

2) To detect the viability of foetus.

Viability - the individual capacity of a foetus, to live its own apart from the mother, by virtue of its development.

→ Attained by at the end of 7th months.

→ To know the Cause of death & To detect whether it is

Murder or not

- To detect it is a still born, live born or dead born.

At the end of the ~~1st~~ 1st month

Both Eyes - ~~2~~ 2 - Dark Spots.

At the of 2nd the month,

At the end of 3rd Month

Length - 9 cm

Weight - 30 gms

Eyes closed

Pupillary membrane appeared

Neck & Nails are appeared

At the end of 4th Month

Length - 16 cm

Weight = 120 gms

→ Lanugo hair appears - Non-pigmented, Non-medullated

Sex detection [can be]

foetal hair all the body.

Convulsions of brain appears

Meconium present at duodinal region.

At the end of 5th Month

Length - 25 cm

Nails will become distinct

Weight - 400 gms.

Scalp hair appears

* ossification centre - calcaneum appears

Vernix caseosa appears all over the body

Meconium present at the beginning of L.I

Vernix caseosa - white cheesy material [oily] present all over the body, secreted by sebaceous glands

At the end of 6th month

Length - 30 cm

Weight - 700 gms

Eye brows & eyelashes appear

Meconium in Transverse colon

Both testes descend near the kidneys.

At the End of 7th month

Crown Head length [CHL] - 35 cm

CRL - 23-28 cm [Crown Rump length]

Weight - 900-1200 gms

Meconium - seen in transverse colon

Testes - at Ext. Inguinal ring

Ossification Centre for Talus appears.

Eyes open, pupillary membrane disappears.

At the End of 8th month

length - 40 cm

Weight - $1\frac{1}{2}$ - 2 kg wt.

Nails reaches the tip of fingers.

Left testis reaches

Scalp hair - 1.5 cm lt & thick.

Rump - lowermost part of buttock

At the End of 9th month

length - 45 cm

Weight - $2\frac{1}{2}$ - 3 kgs

Ossification Centre for lower end of femur.

Both testes will be in Scrotal Sac.

Meconium - all over the L.I

Scalp hair - 4 cm lt & Black in colour.

At the End of 10th month

length - 48-52 cm $\approx$ 50 cm

Weight - 2.5-5 kg

Placenta - 500 gm, D - 25 cm

Umbilical cord length - 50 cm.

→ Developing ovum means 7-8 days from date of Conception

[Implantation] after 8th week

- Meconium is present
- Languo hair present only at shoulder region.
- Vernix Caseosa Seen all over the body.
- Ossification Centre for upper end of tibia appear.

Rule of Hassae & Morrison

The rule that helps in determining the age of foetus, if the length of the foetus is $25 \text{ cm} (\text{or}) < 25 \text{ cm}$ the Square root of the length of foetus gives the age of the foetus, if the length of the foetus is above 25 cm , the age of foetus is determined by the dividing the length with 5, it gives the age of the foetus.

Stature

- it is the ht. of the person
 - it increases along with the age, upto 30-35 yrs of age, after that the stature will decrease gradually, 0.6 mm per year.
 - The stature will decrease at $1-2 \text{ cm}$ at the evening times & it will increase in the lying back posture upto $1-2 \text{ cm}$.
 - it is imp. in identification, man-missing cases, skeletal remains in exmⁿ of this ~~irregular body parts~~. Dismembered body parts.
 - it can be detected by measuring the tip of the middle finger of the rt. hand to the tip of the middle finger of left hand, when they are extended.
 - Only upper limb is available, the (L. of arm into (K2)
 30 cm for both clavicles + 4 cm of manubrium & sterni
 - if only skull is available, $\text{ht of skull} \times 8$
 - if forehead, the vertex distance & chin $\times 7$
- } gives stature

- if whole skeleton is available, Total Lt of skeleton + 2cm.
- if only long bones are available, the following studies help to

- Karl Pearson formula
- Trotter & Gesler formula
- Siddhavi & Siddhavi formula

Multiplication factor (MF)

36	36	3.6 - Femur
44 ⁺⁸ ₋₈	44	4.4 - Tibia & Fibula
52 ⁺⁸ ₋₈ → (41) → 53	53	5.3 - Humerus
60 ⁺⁸ ₋₈	60	6.0 - Ulna
68 ⁺⁸ ₋₈ → (44) → 64	64	6.4 - Radius

⇒ Stature of the person = Lt of the long bone × MF [in cm]
 To measure the bone → we used apparatus
 "Hepburn's osteometric board."

Ulna

Lt of the ulna = 29.5 cm

$$= 29.5 \times 6 = 177 \text{ cm} \approx [176 - 178 \text{ cm}]$$

Femur

Lt = 45.3

$$\Rightarrow 45.3 \times 3.6 = 163.08 \text{ cm} \approx [162 - 164 \text{ cm}]$$

Humerus

Lt = 30.8

$$\Rightarrow 30.8 \times 5.3 = 163.24 \text{ cm} \approx [162 - 164 \text{ cm}]$$

Tibia

Lt = 34.3

$$\Rightarrow 34.3 \times 4.4 = 150.92 \text{ cm} \approx [150 - 152 \text{ cm}]$$

Fibula

Lt = 38.4

$$\Rightarrow 38.4 \times 4.4 = 168.96 \text{ cm} \approx [168 - 170 \text{ cm}]$$

Radius

Lt = 25

$$\Rightarrow 25 \times 6.4 = 160 \text{ cm} \approx [159 - 161 \text{ cm}]$$

Still birth

The baby delivered after 28th week of pregnancy & did not show any signs of life, after completing being born.

→ always viable fetus

[Signs - Crying, breathing & movements of body]

→ Before delivery, fetal movements felt by the mother & heart sound are felt by doctor, but death of the baby occurs during the process of delivery i.e., in birth canal.

Causes:- Anoxia

Trauma

Congenital malformations

pelvic disproportion

Erythroblastosis foetalis

Eccampsia

Pre-eclampsia

Immaturity

Toxemia of pregnancy.

Placental abnormalities.

Dead born

The baby delivered with any one of the following features,

i) Maceration [Aseptic Autolysis]

ii) Rigor mortis

iii) Putrefaction or Decomposition.

iv) Adipocere

v) Mummification.

Maceration

- occurs in the fetus, which is died in the uterus.

- Lysosome of the dead cell destroys the other dead cells by autolysis, without any inflammation or microorganisms.

- Features - skin in Dusky colour & can be peeled off very easily & is called "slip sign".

By 24 hrs → Multiple bullae will form in skin & by underlying tissues
Then by 48 hrs → discoloration of amniotic fluid, discoloured to
reddish colour.

→ All tissues will be softened, all muscles will be lax.

→ Hyposegmentation of bones & joints by 48 hrs.

→ By 3-4 days, Meconium will be released into peritoneal cavities.

→ By 1st week, Edema will occur all over skin, neck, tissue all
over face.

→ at 2nd week, Edematous fluid disappeared, foetus into yellowish-
green colour.

→ After few weeks foetus will be very thin like paper &
Called "foetalis paperaceous".

Radiological findings

→ these findings will receive x-rays & radiological findings.

Robert's sign - presence of air in aorta, it occurs 12 hrs of death.

Spalding's sign - overlapping of bones of the skull.

→ This will be true by 2 days after death, due to shrinkage
of cerebral hemispheres.

Duel's halo sign - Air accumulation b/w scalp tissues & periosteum,
true after 3 weeks.

Live born

as per indian civil law, live born is complete expulsion of foetus from the mother, & it shows any signs of life, irrespective of the duration of pregnancy.

Signs -

Crying

Breathing

Movements of the body.

features:

Chest - flat in un-respired baby (Non-respiratory).

Drum shaped in respired body (Expansion of chest cavity)

position of Diaphragm - in un-respired baby, diaphragm lies at 4th & 5th rib level.

in respired baby, diaphragm lies at 5th & 7th rib level.

Examⁿ of lungs -

Unrespired lungs

Respired lungs

• Size

Smaller

Larger

• Colour

uniformly red/brown

Bluish brown/Reddish brown
with mottled & marbled appearance.

• Surface

Smooth surface

uneven elevation & depressions.

• Mediastinum

Not covered

Covered

• Consistency

Firm, non-crepitant

[CO₂ expansion of lungs]
Soft, spongy, elastic

• Margins

sharp

crepitant

round.

• weight

35 gms

70 gm

• wt in relation with B.Wt

1/70

1/35

• specific gravity

1.04 - 1.05

0.94 - 0.95

Hydrostatic Energy.

Negative

positive.

Hydrostatic tests [Ryggat's test]

Principle $\rightarrow$ Specific gravity

The specific gravity of the respired lungs will be used to 0.94
bcz the Increase in the vol. is more than the Increase in
the wt. of the lungs after respiration.

- Due to low specific gravity than water, respired lungs always float on water.

Procedure

Phase-1 $\rightarrow$ Both lungs along with mediastinum & heart
if cut & kept in water, along with this block,
a piece of liver also kept in water as control
[floats in decomposition.

- If lungs along with mediastinum is floating indicates that respiration has occurred.
- If they sink, indicates respiration hasn't occurred.

Phase-2 $\rightarrow$ Separate both lungs from the hila & should be kept
in water separately.

if float $\rightarrow$ respiration occurred

if sink $\rightarrow$ no respiration occurred.

Phase-3 $\rightarrow$ Each lung cut into 20-30 pieces & apply some
pressure with fingers & kept in water.

if they float $\rightarrow$ Indicates resp occurs.

Sink $\rightarrow$ No respiration occur.

Phase-4 - Take out all pieces of a lung from water, apply some pressure with a wt. on some cloth, again keep lung pieces in water.

If they float → confirms resp. occurred;

FALLACIES OF HYDROSTATIC TEST

The following conditions even after respiration, lungs sink to the bottom

1) Atelectasis

2) pulm. edema

3) pneumonia consolidation

4) Alveolar duct membrane presence

Even without respiration, lungs will float in water,

1) putrefaction

2) Artificial ventilation

3) Vagitus uterinalis

4) Vagitus vaginalis.

→ Hydrostatic tests are not needed in the decomposed bodies & dead born foetus.

Breslau's Second Life test

Stomach & some part of S-I is cut into small ligatures & kept in bottom of water column, & then open the stomach with a scissor.

→ If air bubbles appear → resp. occurred.

→ presence of milk in the stomach is the surest sign of live born.

Changes in the Umbilical cord → indicates live born.

- During fetal autopsy, umbilical cord should be observed in the following manner.

1) Whether umbilical cord is present along with placenta can not

2) If present, wt of placenta, length of umbilical cord.

3) if it is not present,

whether it is cut can not

if it is cut, cut edges of the umbilical cord

whether they are clean cut, irregular edges.

4) whether the umbilical cord is ligated can not

if it is ligated, with what material [thread, clamp]

Changes in the umbilical cord, after birth,

SIM falls

1st day - shrinks & become dry

2nd day - Inflammatory ring present at base of umbilical cord

3rd day - Mummification

4th day - No change

5th day - falls off, leaving an ulcer at the umbilical region.

This ulcer may heal by 1-2 weeks.

Caput Succedaneum

⇒ it is due to pressure on the presenting part & contains sero sanguinous fluid

⇒ size - larger

⇒ Incidence - very common

⇒ present on presenting part only

⇒ it appears immediately, after birth

⇒ Disappears within 1 week

⇒ No colour change

⇒ location - may be present, diffuse multiple areas of skull

⇒ No complications

Cephalo Hematoma

⇒ Due to instrumentation, birth trauma & due to rupture of peritoneal blood vessels & contains pure blood.

⇒ smaller

⇒ also may be seen, on temporal region & may be underlying skull fracture!

⇒ Takes sometime, may 2-3 days

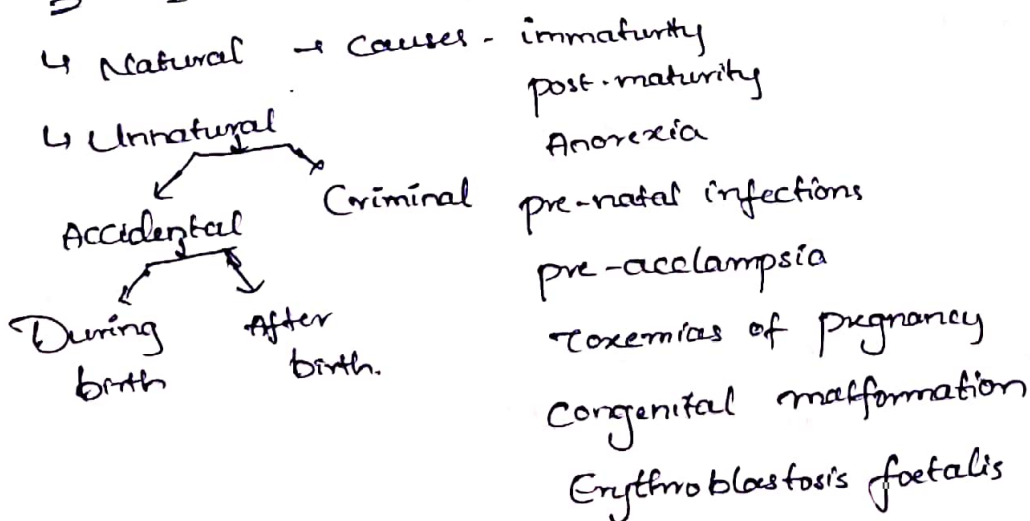
⇒ it will take, 4-6 weeks.

⇒ colour change present

⇒ mostly localized & does not cross suture line

⇒ Jaundice, infection, ossification of blood (Sometimes)

Causes of death



During birth → • Asphyxia due to smothering, due to membranes attached to face.

- Drowning & submersion of face in amniotic fluid.
- precipitate labour & other discharges.

After birth - Intra-uterine
 Intra-vaginal
 Strangulation
 Collapse of cord
 Prolonged labour
 Death of mother.

Criminal [Methods of Infanticide]

Acts of Commission

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 Smothering

Head injuries

Drowning

Burning

poisoning

Strangulation.

Acts of omission

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 failure to do an act

which is necessary.

by parents { failure to give protection to neonate
 - failure to provide nutrition to baby
 by doctors { failure to tie the cord.
 - failure to apply suction in
 mouth & nose to remove
 the fluids from the body.

CHILD ABUSE

it is of following types;

- 1) Child neglect
- 2) Emotional / psychological abuse
- 3) Child sexual abuse
- 4) physical abuse
- 5) Chemical / poisoning / Miscellaneous

→ Child neglect is nothing but acts of omission, abandonment of child as per sec 93, sec 94 of BNS [317, 318 IPC]

→ psychological (or) emotional abuse - Harassment

→ physical abuse - Battered baby syndrome [Caffey's syndrome]

it is also called non-accidental injured children

→ This is a clinical condition where parent or Guardian beat the children even with minute or trivial provocation.

→ This is very common in children below of 3yrs of age, mostly male & commonly seen in low socio-economic families.

→ psychological & psychiatric diseases financial prblms are very common in families with child abuse, also very common in families where parents were the victims of child abuse to their childhood.

type of injuries → Abrasions

Dislocation of teeth

Contusions

Loss of hair

Lacerations

Rupture of pendulum of upper lip.

fracture of long bones,

Contusion around the pinna of ear, cheeks,

Contusions on the buttock [~~back~~, Torsional] fractures of long bones with periosteum elevations due to twisting of limbs Six penny bruise above major joint regions.

→ if these injuries or fracture are multiple with multiple healing ages, then it is Battered baby syndrome.

Diagnosis

- Delayed complaint or admission or consultation to the hospital
- Multiple injuries with multiple ages.
- Baby, will be mostly unwanted or disabled or step child or born due to failure of conception or born before marriage.

MLI

- it is a crime under sec. child neglect & child abuse & also under pocso act.

Sexual abuse

- it is rising rapidly in india.
- This can be deal with pocso act.

Chemical abuse/poisoning in children

→ Exact cause of death is not known → "cot Death"

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Sudden death of child
while sleeping.

Shaken baby Syndrome - Violent shaking of baby cause brain injury.