

Penetrating Craniocerebral Injury

It is very unfortunate to note that there is no such data for this type of trauma in Bangladesh. Almost ten years back before my retirement from government job as associate professor of neurosurgery I had the opportunity of managing such cases. Bangladesh is a peaceful country so fortunately craniocerebral injuries due to high velocity missiles are uncommon. Advances in this aspect of trauma should have their origin principally in experience and awareness. In USA where there is a gun culture with no restrictions in acquiring it, the situation is quite grave, one third of all head injuries deaths, second only to road traffic accident is caused by firearms. Luckily in Bangladesh firearms possession is generally highly restricted legally but unfortunately due to social and political problem it's easily available in the hands of certain quarters. So concern over violence should come to the forefront in the national agenda for the management of such unwanted deaths caused by firearms. Over the last sixty years more than one million people people have been killed in the USA by guns. Here we don't have any specific data but at present it's significantly quite negligible. The recent grass root level local body elections is an eye opener where death due to violence by gunshot injuries has been reported in newspapers.

As such a protocol be established and training imparted to a group of neurosurgeons in the skill management of such cases.

I would also ask for scholarly articles on this subject for publication in our journal from our readers .