

HEAT HEMATOMA

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Heat hematoma is a rarely found alteration in burnt victims. It develops when the head is exposed to intense heat. It has the appearance of extradural hemorrhage but it is not accompanied by any signs of injury by blunt force. The importance of artifact is that it may be mistaken for a true epidural bleed from a head injury and may mislead the forensic pathologist and investigator into thinking that the fire was started criminally to cover up a fatal assault. In my practice, I had two such cases. I am going to share my experiences in my presentation