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Head is one of the most accessible and vulnerable part of the body and is commonly involved in fatal road traffic accidents.

This study was undertaken on 104 fatal cases of road traffic brought by the police to the mortuary of Lok Nayak Hospital, New Delhi for conduction of medico-legal autopsy, between the period March 2000 and April, 2001.

The study was aimed at analyzing the epidemiology, pattern, manner of infliction and correlation between external and internal injury in victims of fatal traumatic head injury, with a reference to Circle of Willis.

Various factors like age, sex time of incident, arrival time at hospital, treatment given in the hospital, survival time, characteristics of victims and offenders in accidents, injuries to the head and other parts of the body were studied.

The observation obtained were plotted in the form of tables, illustrative graphs and photographs of representative lesions were taken. These results were then analysed and compared with the works of previous authors (as cited in the review of literature.

