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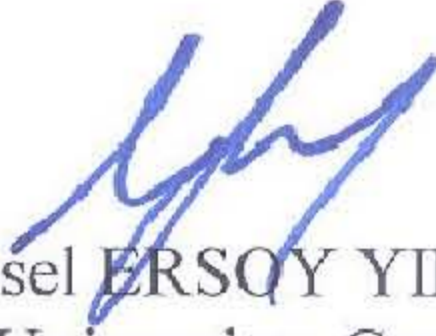
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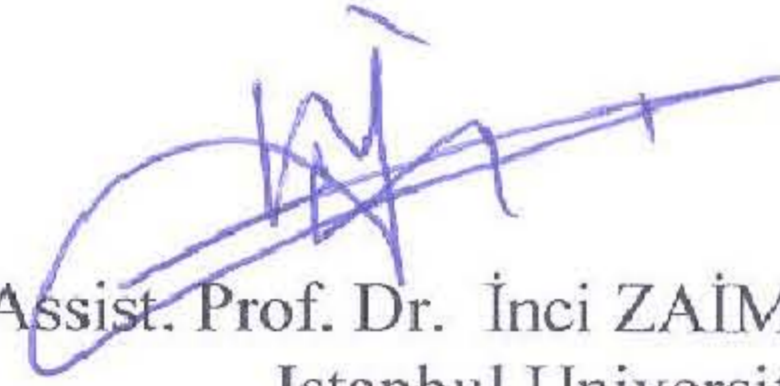
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LIST OF SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS

Symbol	Explanation
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AC	: Alternating current
F	: Fahrenheit
μ	: Hounsfield unit
kVp	: Kilovolt peak
mAs	: Milliampere seconds
mm	: Millimeters
T	: Tissue

Abbreviation	Explanation
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CT	: Computerized Tomography
CSF	: Cerebrospinal Fluid
DAI	: Diffuse Axonal Injury
EPI	: Epidural Hemorrhage
E	: Eye Opening
GCS	: Glasgow Coma Scale
HU	: Hounsfield Units
ICP	: Intracranial Pressure
MRI	: Magnetic Resonance Imaging
MSCT	: Multi Slice spiral Computed Tomography
M	: Motor Response
PACS	: Picture Archiving and Communication System
RSNA	: Radiological Society of North America
RTA	: Road Traffic Accidents
SPSS	: Statistical Package for the Social Sciences
SSCT	: Single Slice Computed Tomography
TBI	: Traumatic Brain Injuries
V	: Verbal Response
WL	: Window Level
WW	: Window Width

ÖZET

YÜKSEK LİSANS TEZİ

KAFA TRAVMALARINDA BİLGİSAYARLI TOMOGRAFİ TARAMANIN ROLÜ

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Kafa yaralanmaları başlıca sağlık sorunlarından biridir. Mevcut tedavi yöntemlerinden bağımsız olarak kafa yaralanmalarında hastalar hafif ya da ağır olarak değerlendirilirler. Bu çalışmanın amacı bilgisayarlı tomografinin kafa travmalarında, travma kökenin, travmatik beyin hasarlarının, lezyon türünün ve kanama türünün hızlı ve çabuk tespitindeki önemini vurgulamaktır. Bu çalışmada Ağustos 2017- Ocak 2018 tarihleri arasında Misrata Medical Centre birimine başvuran hastalardan kafa travma şüphesi ile gelen 100 hastanın istatistik bilgilerine yer verilmiştir. Bu hastalar trafik kazası, düşme veya diğer nedenlerle etkilenen bireylerdir. Bu vakalar farklı zamanlarda bilgisayarlı tomografi ile değerlendirilmiştir. Her vaka kritik ya da değil, kanama ya da kırık bulunup bulunmadığı tespiti için taranmıştır. Nihayetinde bilgisayarlı tomografinin diğer klinik görüntüleme yöntemleri arasında, hızı ve sonuçları göz önüne alındığında, ilk sırada tercih edilmesi gerektiği belirtilmiştir

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Head injuries remain one of the great public health problem. Regardless of the current medication, most patients have slight ranges; the other injuries are divided equally among the mild and severe. The objective of this study is to observe the function of computed tomography in head injuries and to classify sorts of trauma-based on the principle purpose of the traumatic brain injuries (TBI), sort of lesion and type of hemorrhage in earliest and fastest way. This study was carried out at at Misrata Medical Center during August 2017 to January 2018 and included 100 patients where a number of occurrences had been recognized within the head damage because of road injuries or falls and to diagnose the circumstance of every affected person. These cases were investigated separately by means of computed tomography. Each case, whether or not critical or minor in terms of detection of bleeding or not and determine the form of bleeding and whether there are fractures. Eventually, CT is the first choice in diagnosing injuries compared to different clinical imaging methods and is finished in a short time.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The creation of CT is viewed as the best advancement in the field of radiology since the revelation of X-ray. CT is a champion among the most basic procedures for radiological assurance. It conveys non-superimposed, cross-sectional pictures of the body, which can indicate littler complexity contrasts than regular X-ray pictures. This permits better representation of particular distinctively organized delicate tissue districts, for instance, which could somehow or another not be imagined tastefully. Assessment of the cerebrum with figured (CT) has turned into an imperative device in the crisis. It represents a substantial number of hospitalizations and impressive mortality all throughout the world. The rate of Head injury is expanding in developing countries, in light of the expansion in the number of vehicle mishaps. (CT) remains the pillar for the underlying demonstrative assessment of head injury patients. The quick examination time, wide accessibility, the absence of contraindications and high precision for recognizing hemorrhages have made CT the symptomatic investigation of decision for starting the assessment of head damage [1].

1.1.PROBLEM OF THE STUDY

Head accidents are one of the maximum sizeable things that reason severe fitness, public and financial worry a round the sector. It is consider as one of the main reasons for dying and contamination, especially among young people. The level of brain damage in rising nations is growing because of the severe rate of site visitors' accidents. However, in industrialized countries, the proportion of brain accidents is increasing due to fall and the rate of hoary in those international locations is heightening. Then again, the incapability to diagnose head injuries in a few negative nations leads to the unfold of this problem due to the lack of automated tomography devices in hospitals.

1.1.1. Objectives of Study

To emphasize the significance of computed tomography, inside the rapid analysis of head accidents, and as a consequence save the affected patients. To affirmation of the importance of the availability of a computed tomography gadget inside the emergency department.

1.2.LITERATURE REVIEW

Numerous studies have been performed since the beginning of the usage of computed tomography in scientific applications to decide the role of computed tomography in head accidents. The subsequent is a summary of the most crucial studies conducted in this field in many countries of the arena. A study performed in 2017 gives the results of the observed patients were 72.58% of adult males and 27.42% of females. The main reasons of this study is the road traffic accidents and different causes. The consequences confirmed that 28.06% of sufferers had fractures within the cranium and 35.81% have been ordinary at the same time as 64.19% had been because of hemorrhage within the head. It has shown the essential function of a population in saving lives. This study confirmed the crucial function performed by computed tomography in assisting sufferers in phrases of the speed of detection of diverse accidents and due to the poverty of the health zone because of the incapacity to carry these gadgets contributed to the bad circumstance of patients in addition to the erosion of the road community, which contributed to the growth injuries [2].

Another study is examine CT results, is investigated three radiological facilities in Khartoum state. It consist of 50 patients results that avenue accidents are the maximum cause of injuries with a percentage of 74%. Most of the accidents were fractures with hemorrhage with a percentage of 66%, and the most happening of fractures is a linear fracture with 48%. The examine findings also discovered that the most susceptible place to fractures and hemorrhages are frontal bone with a percent of 37.2% for fractures and 28.6% for hemorrhages. The results additionally showed that subdural hemorrhage is most occurring as a problem of fractures with 27.9%. The study also showed that epidural hemorrhage maximum not unusual of hemorrhage 57.1% of injuries in hemorrhage state the examine concluded that the usage of computed tomography as an initial investigation for diagnosing head trauma is important [3].

Alzain, D.O.M was carried his study in the country of Khartoum in Sudan, targeting 54 patients of each sexes and used a multi slide tomography sixteen segments. In the study the most common cause of injuries is due to road site visitors' injuries consistent with for the results of CT. The CT results showed that head injuries have been subdural hemorrhage extra common with percentage 29.6%-16 instances , hemorrhagic contusion with percent 18.5%-10 cases ,Epidural hemorrhage with percent 18.five% -10 instances , Epidural hemorrhage with contusion with percentage 11.1 % - 6 instances , mid line shift with percent 3.7% - 2cases , intra

cerebral hemorrhage and intra ventricular hemorrhage as identical percentage 1.9%-1 case and everyday finding with percent 9.3%- 5 instances [4].

Another study was conducted for the period of 12 months in branch of Radiology Kathmandu, clinical college teaching clinic, Kathmandu in Nepal. It comprised a total quantity of 80 patients and were evaluated through CT scan of the top the use of siemens somatom dual slice spiral CT machine, The outcomes confirmed, after detection by means of automated tomography (CT), that minor accidents through (68.8%) and vital injuries were (48.8%) due to fractures inside the cranium and (38.8%) because of extradural hematoma, (26.2%) subdural hematoma, 26.2% contusions, 17.5% subarachnoid hemorrhage the primary cause is site visitors injuries [5].

Eze.et.al. investigates at Nigeria have a look most of the study subjects (68%) have been males. Site visitors' injuries represented 44% of all the head injuries determined within the examine, and (58%) of the pinnacle traumas led to intracranial bleeding. Most of the hemorrhages found, (37%) were intracerebral, (25%) have been subdural, (16%) were intraventricular, (15%) were subarachnoid, and 7% had been epidural. The usage of CT for early diagnosis of intracranial hemorrhage seems justifiable Because it does not require a long time to detect the injury and can get clear images [6].

Abiodun.et.al studied a multi-slide CT-kind CT scanner. His study covers 236 patients with specific head accidents due to car accidents. After the CT scan, the effects have been as follows: There had been more patients with cranial fractures (58.8%) than mid-facial cracks (40.2%). Dominant part of the patients had a worldly bone cranial break (31.1%) and joined or blended type of mid-facial cracks (41.3%). Intracranial dying (31.7%) changed into the most, not unordinary related intracranial, interesting consideration must be paid to the fortification of standards and establishment of laws designed for the decrease of head damage and arrangement for clean access to CT for the zenith harmed tolerant [7].

Mohammed, G. I. A. studied in Khartoum superior diagnostic center and Khartoum health facility included 51 patients. The maximum kind of lesion occurs is epidural hematoma and Subdural hematoma with the identical 41.7% and placement of fracture is most not unusual in facial bone with 59.1% than the opposite site after which observe midline shift at epidural from total pattern in 4 patients and subdural 2 sufferers' cerebral contusion is 1 patient. Finally, CT is

the primary choice to diagnose head injuries than different modality because it takes short observation time [8].

Khadka. et. al. study 71 cases of head injuries were acquired in country wide Neurosurgical Referral Center, Countrywide Academy of Scientific Sciences, Bir Sanatorium, Kathmandu, Nepal. Starting from 2005 to April 2006. The greatest ordinary reason for damage was road wounds (43 examples) Contusions were the most widely recognized radiological discoveries in 84.0% pursued by extradural hematoma in 8.0% and pneumocephalus in 7.0%. Out of these the most widely recognized area for injury was frontal (16 cases), saw through parietal (12 cases) and after that reciprocal wounds. The mean amount progressed toward becoming 12 ml, 9 ml and 9 ml for frontal, parietal and transient wounds, separately. Rehashed examination demonstrated blast in amount of injury in 31cases (44.0%), no adjustment in 28 cases (40.0 %) and lessen in 12 cases (16.0%). The development changed into especially because of edema in 20 cases (64.0%) and real increment in injury in best 11 occasions (35.0%). handiest 5 (7.0%) cases required agent intercession [9].

Brkic. Et. al. study at 176 patients were exposed to CT test (in light of on clinical measures) CT check uncovered intracranial pathology in 29 patients (65% of patients exposed to CT test) and 19 patients were in this manner exposed to careful task (representing 10.8% of patients exposed to CT test and 1.0% of all sufferers with moderate or minor head mishaps). Head wounds had been recognized in 10 (5.7%) sufferers, watched by means of epidural hematomas (10 sufferers or 5.7% had been resolved to harbor an epidural hematoma) and subdural hematomas, that were found in 7 sufferers or 4.0% of patients exposed to CT examine [10].

In a study carried out in Brazil the present examination delineates, the head figured tomography (CT) investigate revelations of 2,000 cases the basic male to female extent transformed into 2:1. The most extraordinary basic CT test head injury (HT) related revelations were smooth tissue swelling 8.9%, skull breaks 4.3%, intracranial and subgaleal hematomas 3.4% and a 2.4 %, mind swelling 2 % and cerebrum wound 1.2% . These revelations asserted the significance of CT test exam in direct head wounds [11].

1.3.COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHY (CT)

The start of CT in 1968 turned then the British scientist Hounsfield advanced the first layout for CT, mainly in 1971 Hounsfield invented the first tool to prognosis the brain.

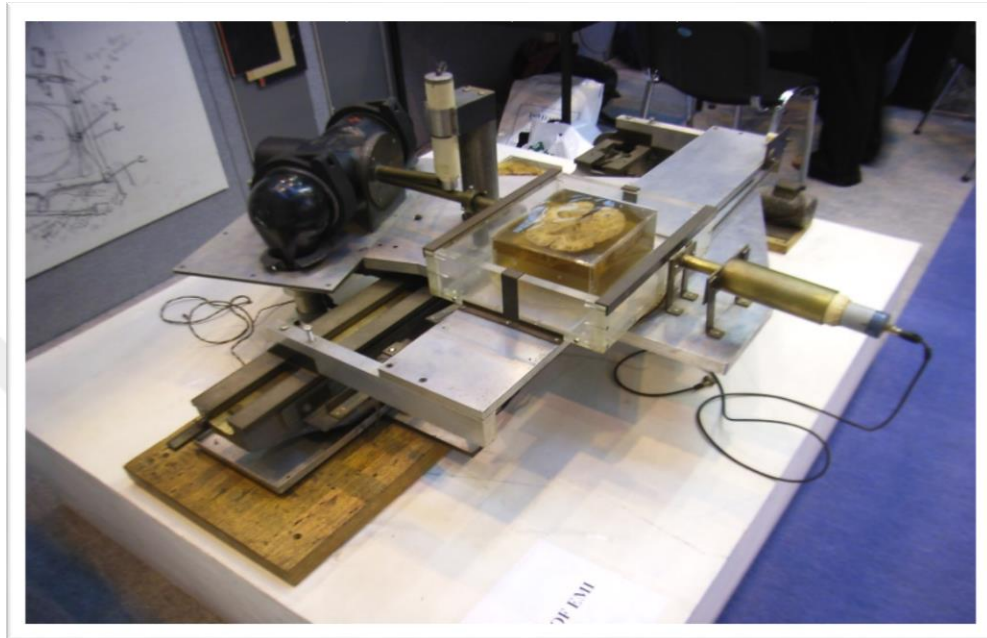


Figure 1.1: Hounsfield's prototype CT scanner [12].

Inside the early 1970s, tomography entered the medical area and its first use become restricted to the brain after a woman donated the test, which become concept to be stricken by a tumor. Although the satisfactory of the image at that point was not proper, it showed the arena a brand new success in medication [12].



Figure 1.2: Godfrey Hounsfield with an early version of the CT scanner [13].

Before the end 1970s of the Nineteen Seventies, the importance of CT filtering to medicinal drug become clean. Hounsfield got the Nobel Prize for medication in 1979, for the self-sustaining paintings on constructing up the hypothesis and innovation of CT analyzing, and in 1981 Hounsfield were given a knighthood for his work. The Eighties noticed the incremental advancement of CT scanner innovation: shorter sweep instances and improved community sizes, until via the past due 1980s output times had been right down to just three seconds. Development proceeded through the 1990s, with the presentation of winding (ceaseless) checking inside the mid-Nineties and the advancement of multi-cut scanners, with four-reduce scanners and 0.5-second output circumstances being 'high-quality in elegance' before the centuries over. Advancement of CT scanner innovation proceeded through the early years of the twenty first century, in particular with multi-reduce scanners [13].

1.3.1. Generations of CT Scanners

CT is characterized through some generations as in step with the advancement of the checking component, its speed and the time it takes to shape the photo. In this sections generations of CT is written and levels in their improvement is given.

First Era

The primary EMI brain scanner and different earlier scanners based on this concept is investigated in this era. Parallel shaft geometry is depicted by methods for an arrangement of parallel beams that creates a projection profile (Fig1.3). The certainty procurement methodology depends absolutely on an interpret pivot statute, wherein an unmarried, moderately collimated x-beam shaft and at least one locators initially make an interpretation of all through the patient to accumulate transmission readings. After one interpretation, the tube and locator turn by methods for 1 degree and make an interpretation of afresh to accumulate readings from a remarkable course. That is repeated for a hundred and eighty levels around the affected person. This method of scanning is called rectilinear pencil beam scanning. First-generation CT scanners took as a minimum 4.5 to 5.5 minutes to produce an entire test of the patient, which restricted patient throughput. The image reconstruction set of rules for first-generation CT scanners become based at the parallel beam geometry of the image reconstruction space (a square or circle in which the slice to be reconstructed need to be located).

Second Era

2d-technology scanners had been based totally at the interpret pivot rule of original scanners with a couple of fundamental contrasts, alongside a straight identifier cluster (around 30 locators) coupled to the x-beam tube and several pencil bars. The outcome is a bar geometry that portrays a little fan whose summit begins at the x-beam tube. That is the fan beam geometry proven in parent, B, C, and D. additionally; the rays are divergent as opposed to parallel, ensuing in a considerable trade within the photo reconstruction set of rules, which must be capable of dealing with projection information from the fan beam geometry. In 2d-era scanners, the fan beam throughout the affected person collects a fixed of Trans challenge readings. After one interpretation, the tube and indicator array rotate by means of larger increments (compared with first-era scanners) and translate once more. This method is repeated for a hundred and eighty ranges and is referred to as rectilinear a couple of pencil beam scanning. The x-ray tube lines a semicircular route in the course of scanning. The bigger rotational increments increased variety of detectors result in shorter scan instances that variety from 20 seconds to 3.5 minutes. In

standard, the time decrease is inversely proportional to the number of detectors. The greater detectors, the shorter is the whole scanning time.

Third Era

Third technology CT scanners was based completely on a fan pillar geometry that pivots ceaselessly around the influenced individual for 360 levels (Fig1.3). The x-ray tube is coupled to a bended locator cluster that sub tends a circular segment of 30 to 40 levels or more from the pinnacle of the fan. As the x-ray tube and locators turn, projection profiles are accumulated and an image is gotten for each settled point of the tube and finder. This motion is called constantly rotating fan beam scanning. The direction traced by the tube describes a circle in preference to the semicircle function of first- and 2nd-generation CT scanners. Third generation CT scanners accumulate statistics faster than the previous gadgets (normally inside some seconds) This experiment time increases patient throughput and boundaries the production of artifacts because of respiratory movement.

Fourth Era

Fourth-generation CT scanners characteristic styles of shaft geometries: a pivoting fan bar inside a stationary ring of identifiers and a recording fan pillar in which the pinnacle of the fan (x-beam tube) is put outside a documenting ring of locators [14].

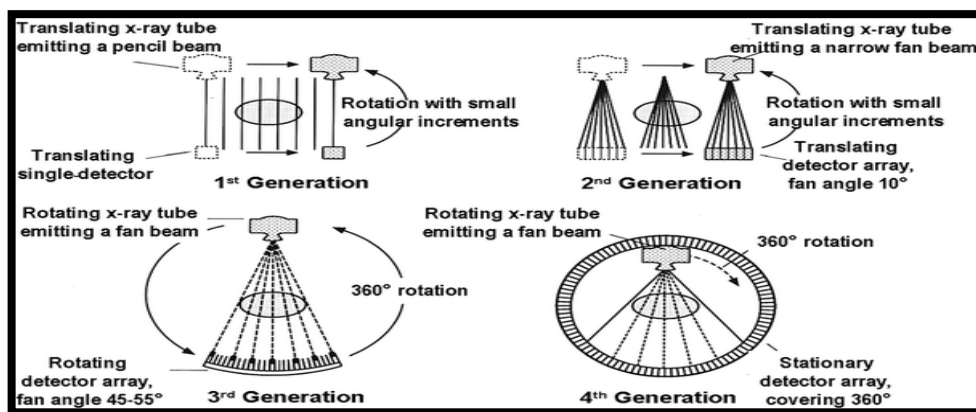


Figure 1.3: Generation of CT scan [15].

1.3.2. Techniques Have Contributed to The Development of CT Scanners

1.3.2.1. Spiral/Helical Ct Scanners

In 1989, the primary statement of an implemented spiral CT scanner turned into offered on the RSNA meeting in Chicago by way of Dr. Willi Kalender. Dr. Kalender has made crucial contributions to the technical improvement and sensible execution of this technique to CT scanning. In conventional CT, the persistent is checked one cut at a time. The x-ray tube and finders turn for 360 stages or much less to test one cut whereas the table and persistent remain stationary. The cable wrapped around and loosening up is appeared in (Fig 1.4). This wrapped around comes about from the consistent term of the excessive-voltage cable, which takes after the x-ray tube since it pivots through 360 levels over the persistent. The cable is unwound up within the course of the imaging of the next cut. This slice-via-slice filtering is time taking; in this manner, efforts had been made to extend the filtering of expansive volumes in much less time. This idea driven to the advancement of a strategy in which a degree of tissue is filtered through moving the influenced individual ceaselessly thru the gantry of the scanner while the x-ray tube and locators turn always for various turns. (Fig. B) As a conclusion result, the x-ray pillar follows a way around the persistent. In spite of the truth that some producers call this bar geometry winding CT (the bar following a winding course over the influenced individual); others counsel with it as helical CT (the pillar following a helical course over the patient). This accomplishment was due to technique slip-ring technology [14].

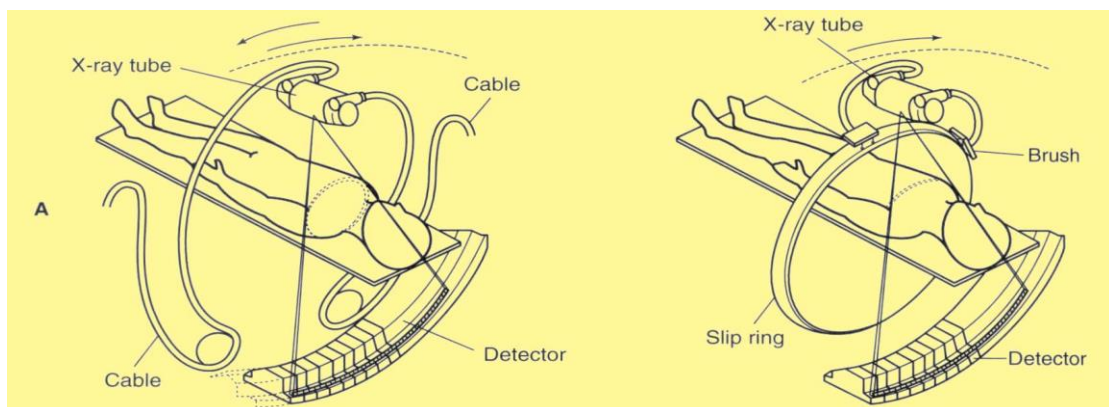


Figure 1.4: Reciprocating rotation (A) versus fast continuous rotation using slip-ring technology (B) [16].

1.3.2.2. Slip-Ring Technology

Spiral-helical CT is created viable through the usage of slip-ring generation, which consents for non-stop gantry rotation. Slip earrings (fig1.5) are electromechanical machines containing of round electric conductive earrings and brushes that transmit electric strength across a rotating interface. Nowadays, CT scanners comprise slip-ring design and are known as continuous rotation, volume CT, or slip-ring scanners. Similarly, slip rings not only supply the electric energy to work the x-ray tube however additionally transfer the alerts from the detectors for input into the photo reconstruction computer.

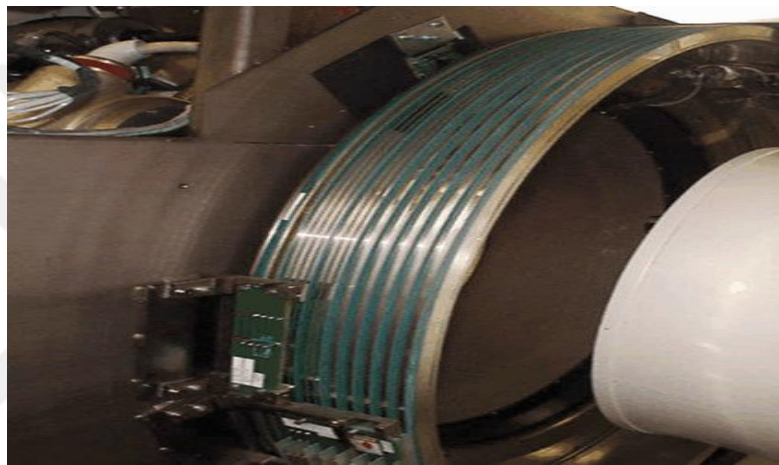


Figure 1.5: Conductive rings (upper strips) of one slip-ring system [17].

Design and Power Supply

Two slip-ring designs are the disk or pancake type and cylinder. In the disk design, the conductive rings form concentric circles in the plane of turn. The cylindrical structure Includes conductive rings situated along the pivot of revolution to frame a barrel. The brushes that transmit electrical capacity to the CT segments float in contact grooves on the stationary slip ring. Two normal brush designs are the wire brush and the composite brush. The wire brush uses conductive wire as a sliding contact. A brush consists of one or more wires arranged such that they function as a cantilever spring with a free end against the conductive ring. Two brushes per ring is often used to increase either communication reliability or current carrying capacity” The composite brush uses a block of some conductive material (e.g., a silver graphite alloy) as a sliding contact. A variety of different spring designs are commonly used to Maintain contact between the brush and ring including cantilever, compression, or constant force. Examples of brush blocks are shown in (Figure B and C).

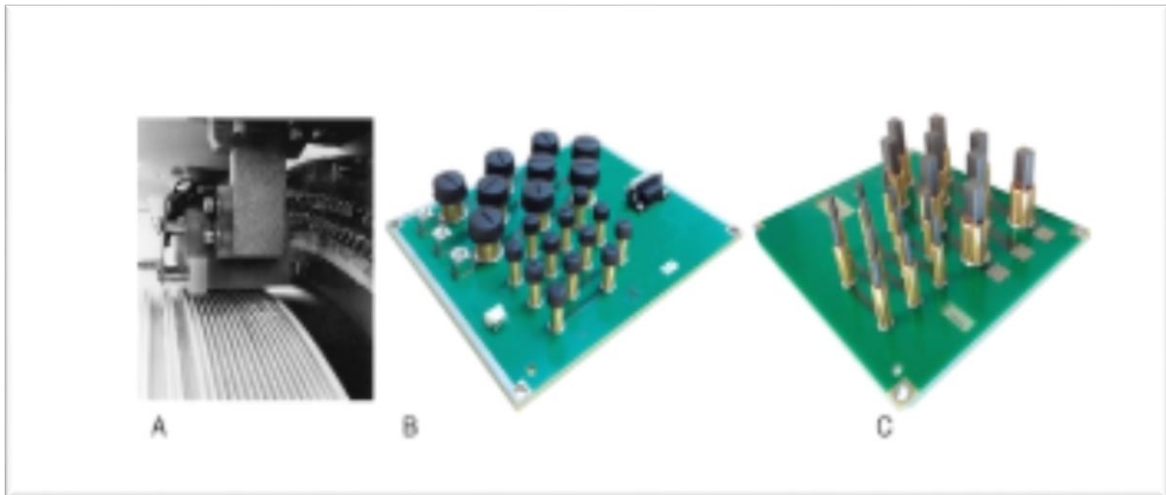


Figure 1.6: Slip ring based on the cylindrical design characteristic of the Picker PQ-2000 CT scanner. The brushes glide in contact grooves on the stationary slip ring (A). Examples of two types of block brushes are shown in B and C [14].

Low-Voltage Slip Ring

In a low-voltage slip-ring machine, 480 substituting (AC) power and x-beam control signals are transmitted to slide gems by utilizing low-voltage brushes that float in contact grooves on the work area bound slip ring. The slip ring at that point offers power to the over the top voltage transformer, which at some point or another transmits high voltage to the x-ray tube (Fig1.6 A). In this situation, the x-ray generator, x-ray tube, and different controls are located on the orbital experiment body.

Excessive-Voltage Slip Ring

In a high-voltage slip-ring machine (Fig1.6 B), the AC provides electricity to the excessive-voltage generator, which inevitably substances inordinate voltage to the slip ring. The intemperate voltage from the slip ring is exchanged to the x-beam tube. In this precedent, the over the top voltage generator does never again turn with the x-beam tube.

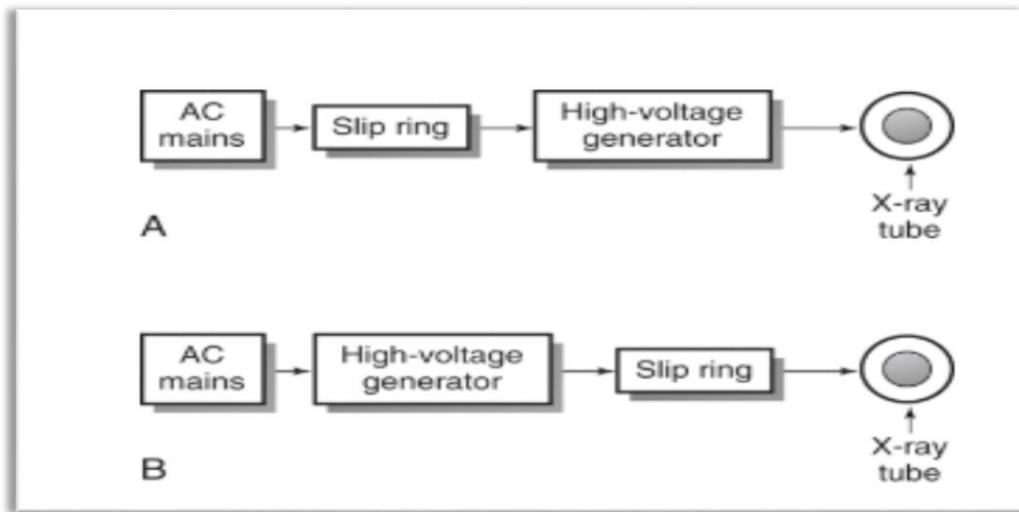


Figure 1.7: Basic differences between low-voltage (A) and high-voltage (B) slip-ring CT scanners in terms of high-voltage power to the x-ray tube [14].

Advantages

The essential advantage of slip-ring era is that it enables non-stop rotation of the x-ray tube so that extent fact scan be acquired fast from the patient. Because the tube rotates continuously, the patient is translated constantly via the gantry aperture. This consequences in CT scanning in spiral geometry. Other advantages are as follows:

1. Faster test instances and minimum interscan delays.
2. Ability for non-stop acquisition protocols.
3. Elimination of the begin–forestall technique characteristic of conventional CT scanners.
4. Removal of the cable wraparound procedure [14].

1.3.2.3. Multi-Slice Computed Tomography

The multi slice CT has been found in 1998, and since that time it has carried the same concept of single slice CT with main difference in number of detectors-arrays row as illustrated in figure 1.8. Each SSCT has aproximatly 750 solid detectors in one slice with 20mm of detector width. The collamation was used to shape the x-ray beam to cover the multirow detectors of MSCT. Accordingly, the MSCT can produce the final images faster than SSCT, and by help of this new

technology, we were able to execute some complex imaging-based diagnoses that were hard to be done using SSCT like angiography[18].

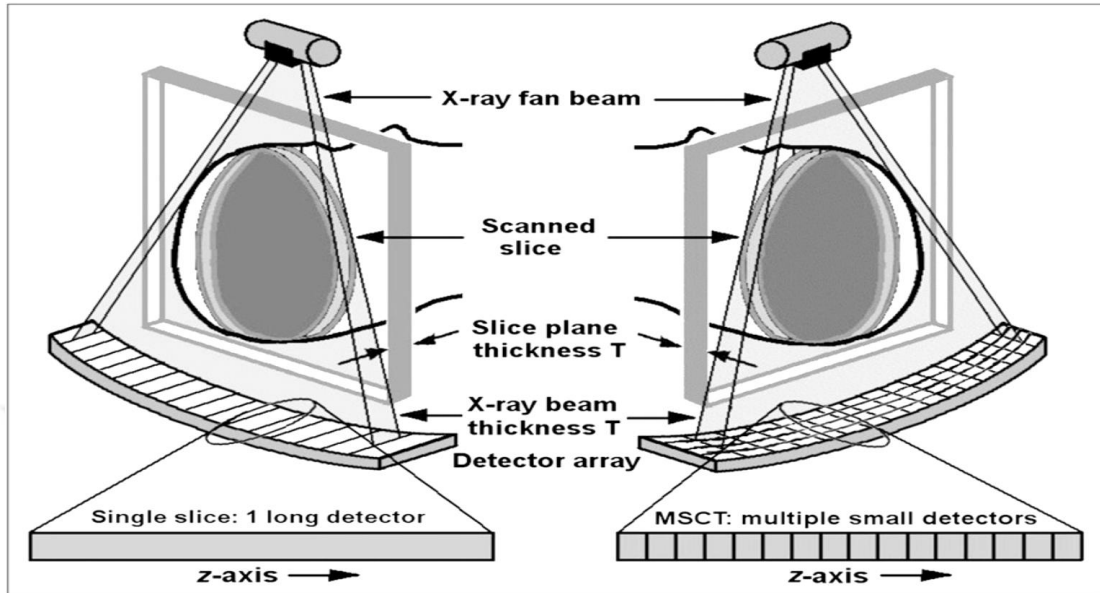


Figure 1.8: (Left) SSCT arrays containing single, long elements along z-axis. (Right) MSCT arrays with several rows of small detector elements [18].

1.3.2.4. Hounsfield Unit or CT Number

Every pixel is assigned a numerical regard (CT sum), that is the typical of the majority of the narrowing qualities contained inside the corresponding voxel. This wide variety is in contrast with the debilitating cost of water and appeared on a size of self-emphatic devices named Hounsfield unit (HU) after Sir Godfrey Hounsfield. This scale assigns water as a debilitating cost (HU) of 0. The combination of CT numbers is 2000 HU broad in spite of the fact that various current scanners have a more vital keep running of HU as much as 4000. Each wide grouping addresses a shade of diminish with +1000 (white) and – a thousand (dark) at either convey up of the range.

$$CT\# = \frac{\mu_T - \mu_{water}}{\mu_{water}} \times 1000HU$$

Water: 0 HU

Air: -1000 HU

T: tissue

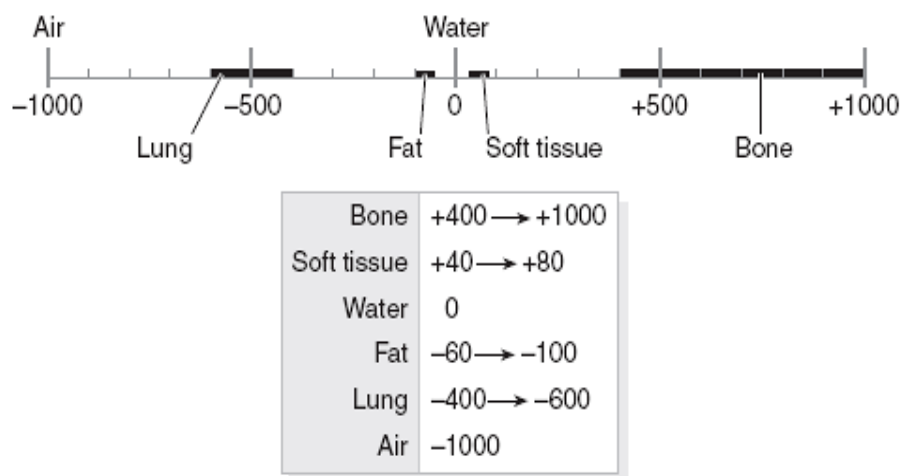


Figure 1.9: The Hounsfield scale of CT numbers [19].

1.3.2.5. Window Level and Window Width

In fact, even as the extent of CT numbers perceived by using the PC is 2000, the human eye can't properly perceive 2000 particular shades of dull. In this way to empower the onlooker to decipher the photo, handiest a limited wide combination of HU is appeared. A clinically profitable dark scale is executed through setting the Window level (WL) and Window width (WW) on the pc support to a fitting collection of Hounsfield units, depending at the tissue being considered.

The day and age 'window level' speak to the central Hounsfield unit of most of the numbers inside the window width. The window width covers the HU of the extensive number of tissues of side intrigue and those are appeared as different shades of dim. Tissues with CT numbers outside this broaden are appeared as either dark or white. Each the WL and WW might be set uninhibitedly on the versatile workstation comfort and their individual settings affect the extraordinarily last demonstrated photograph. As an event, though playing out a CT exam of the chest, a WW of 350 and WL of +40 are imaged the mediastinum (fragile tissue) in fact, as a most productive WW of 1500 and WL of - 600 are used to evaluate the lung fields (in the most air).

1.3.2.6. Pitch

Pitch is the separation millimeters that the table moves all through one aggregate turn of the X-beam tube, partitioned with the help of the cut thickness (millimeters). Growing the pitch with the help of expanding the work area speed decreases measurements and filtering time, but on the cost of diminished picture determination [6].

$$\text{Pitch} = \frac{\text{Table movement per tube rotation (mm)}}{\text{Beam collimation * (mm)}}$$

Beam collimation = Number of detectors x slice thickness.

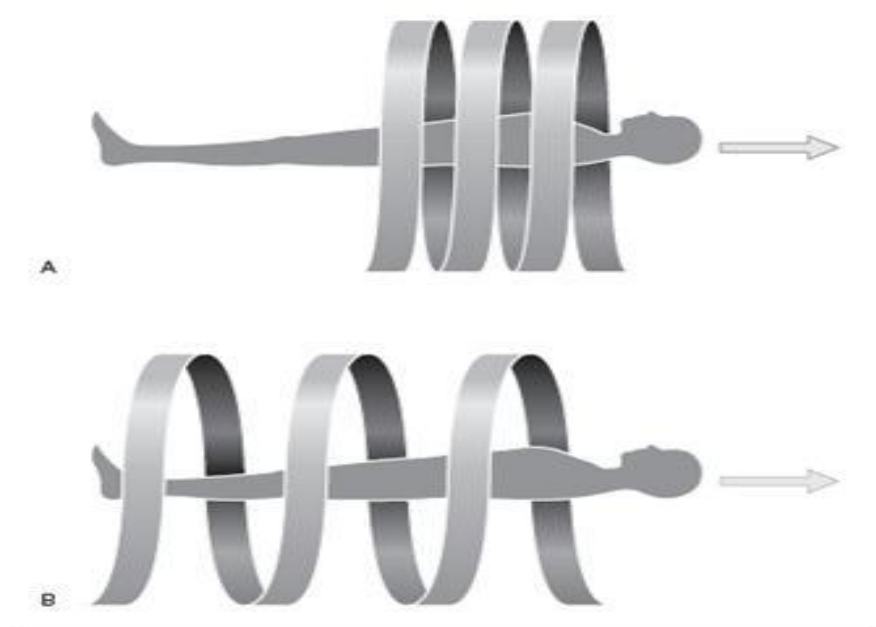


Figure 1.10: (A) Pitch is low. The table moves less for each tube revolution. The image is sharper. (B) Pitch is high. The table moves further for each revolution so the resulting image is more blurred. The helix is stretched [19].

1.3.3. CT Scanners Work Principles

To decorate expertise of the early scanners and cutting-edge technology, the technologist should be familiar with the way a CT scanner works. The technologist first turns on the scanner's strength and plays a quick check to make sure that the scanner is in appropriate running order. The patient is in location inside the scanner commencing, with fitting situating for the particular examination. The technologist sets up the specialized components at the control support. Filtering would now be able to start. At the point when x-beams sidestep by means of the

influenced individual, they're lessened and, at last, estimated by the indicators. The x-beam tube and finders are inside the gantry of the scanner and pivot around the patient for the length of examining. The finders convert the x-beam photons (weakening data) into electrical signs, or simple signs, which thusly should be changed into advanced (numerical) actualities for contribution to the PC. The PC at that point plays out the picture recreation process. The recreated photograph is in numerical shape and ought to be changed over into electric flag for the technologist to see on a screen. The pics and related measurements are then despatched to the percent, in which a radiologist might be fit for recover and translate them. At last, the picture can be put away on optical disks. [14]

Advantages of the CT Scanners

- CT filtering is easy, noninvasive and exact.
- An essential favorable position of CT is its ability to picture bone, fragile tissue and veins all on the undefined time
- Not at all like conventional x-rays, CT filtering offers exceptionally distinctive photographs of numerous sorts of tissue in expansion to the lungs, bones, and blood vessels.
- CT is quick and basic; in emergency cases, they could screen internal mischances and pass on quickly sufficient to help save lives.
- CT has been appeared to be a fee-effective imaging gadget for an extensive range of logical problems.
- CT is less delicate to influenced individual motion than MRI.
- CT may be performed on the off chance that you've got an embedded logical gadget of any type.
- A forecast chosen by utilizing CT checking might too dispose of the require for the exploratory medical procedure and careful biopsy.
- No radiation remains in a influenced person's outline after a CT exam. [20]

1.4. Anatomy of the head

The apex is an exceptional 3-pound organ that controls all highlights of the body, interprets actualities from the out of entryways worldwide, and epitomizes the pith of the intellect and soul. Insights, imagination, feeling, and memory are some of the various things governed by the brain. Anchored inside the noggin, the brain includes the cerebrum, cerebellum, and brainstem. The brainstem goes about as a hand-off kilter interfacing the cerebrum and cerebellum to the spinal twine. The cerebrum gets data through our 5senses:hearing, smell, Touch, Taste, and vision. It gathers the messages in a way that has significance for us, and can keep that realities in our memory. The brain controls our thoughts, memory and speech, movement of the arms and legs, and the function of many organs within our body. It also determines how we respond to stressful situations (such as taking a test, losing a job, or suffering an illness) by regulating our heart and breathing rate.

1.4.1. Cranium

The function of the hard cranium is to protect the brain from injuries. The head is framed by 8 bones that merge together an adjacent suture lines. Those bones encompass the frontal, parietal (2), transient (2), sphenoid, occipital and ethmoid (Fig 1.11). The face is shaped from 14 coordinated bones including the maxilla, zygoma, nasal, palatine, lacrimal, inferior nasal conchae, mandible, and vomer. [21].

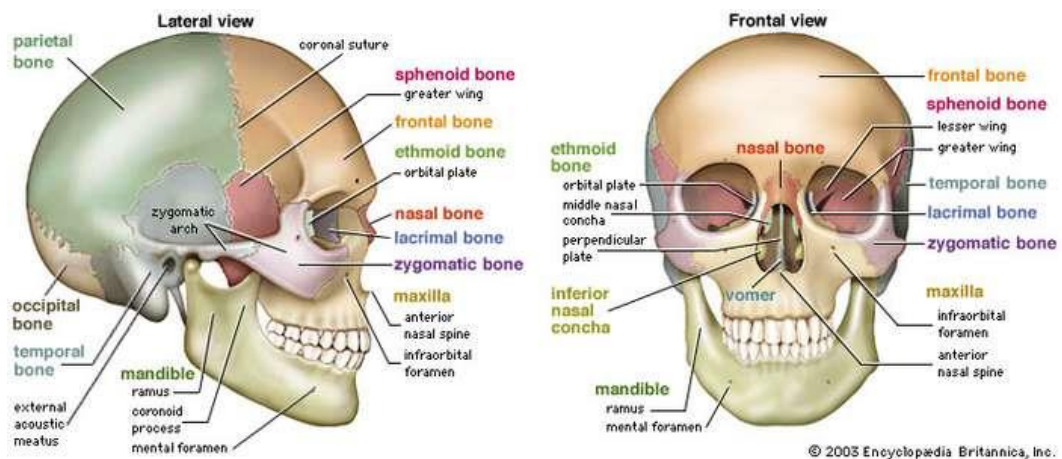


Figure 1.11: Skull bones [22].

1.4.2. Meninges

The brain and spinal twine are ensured and ensured through 3 coats of tissue known as meninges. From the furthest coat internal they may be: The Dura mater, arachnoid mater, and pia mater.

1.4.2.1. Dura mater

It is a solid, thick layer that intently lines the inner of the cranium; its layers, the periosteal and meningeal dura, are consolidated and divided to make venous sinuses. The dura makes little overlap or stalls. There are two extraordinary Dural folds, the falx and the tentorium. The falx secludes the right and got out equal parts of the globe of the brain and the tentorium segregates the cerebrum from the cerebellum.

1.4.2.2. Arachnoid mater

It is a thin, web-like film that covers the aggregate insightfulness. The arachnoid is produced using the adaptable tissue. The space between the dura and arachnoid layers is known as the subdural territory.

1.4.2.3. Pia mater

Spreads the surface of the mind taking after its folds and potholes. The pia mater has various veins that reach deep into the brain. The evacuate among the arachnoid and pia is insinuated as the subarachnoid space. It is appropriate here in which the cerebrospinal liquid showers and cushions the head [23].

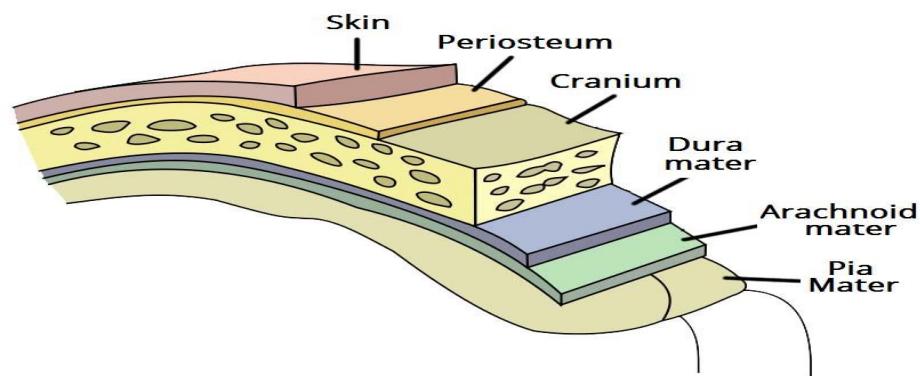


Figure 1.12: Overview of the meninges, and their relationship to the skull and brain [23].

1.4.3. Brain

The head consists of the cerebrum, cerebellum, and brainstem (Fig1.13). The cerebrum is divided into four lobes: frontal, parietal, temporal, and occipital.

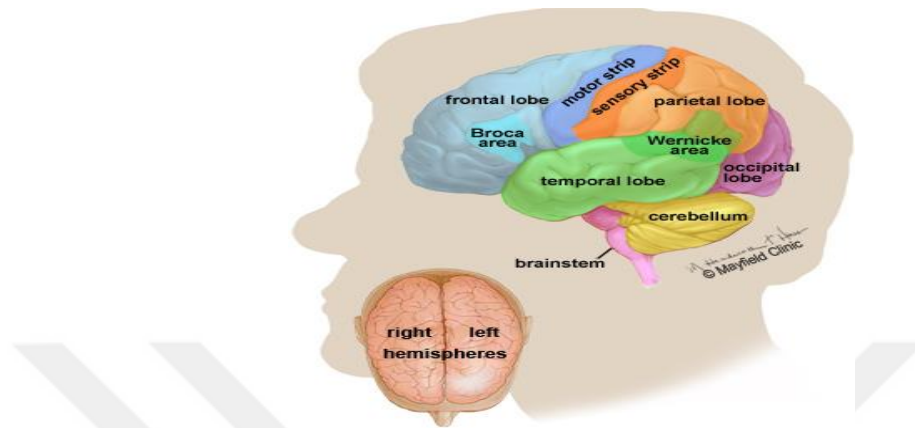


Figure 1.13: Brain parts: the brainstem, cerebellum, and cerebrum. [21]

1.4.3.1. Cerebrum

It is the greatest bit of the cerebrum and is composed of left & right, equal parts of the globe. It plays higher capacities like deciphering contact, seeing and hearing, In extension to talk, considering, suppositions, learning, and control of motion.

1.4.3.2. Cerebellum

It is found underneath the cerebrum. Its highlight is to facilitate muscle activities, protect pose, and steadiness.

1.4.3.3. Brainstem

It comprises the midbrain, pons, and medulla. It goes about as a hand-off focus interfacing the cerebrum and cerebellum to the spinal line. It plays out various motorized features which fuses breath, pulse, layout temperature, wake and rest cycles, absorption, sniffing, hacking, regurgitating, and swallowing. Ten of the twelve cranial nerves begin inside the brainstem. [21]

1.4.4. Right Brain– Left Brain

The right and left out halves of the globe of the head are joined by employing a bundle of filaments alluded to as the corpus callosum that gives you messages from one side to the next. Every half of the globe controls the reverse side of the body. In the event that a head tumor

is arranged at the correct part of the brain, your left-out arm or leg can be vulnerable or incapacitated now not all limits of the parts of the globe are shared. In surely understood, the left-outside of the half of the equator controls talk, cognizance, arithmetic, and lettering. The right side of the side of the equator controls creative ability, spatial capability, inventive, and melodic capacities. The left out half of the globe is prevailing in hand utilize and dialect in approximately 92% of human beings.

1.4.5. Lobes of the Brain

The cerebral sides of the equator have great crevices, which partition the head into lobes. Each side of the equator has 4 lobes: frontal, temporal, parietal, and occipital. Each lobe can be separated, another time, into districts that serve exceptionally exact highlights. It's fundamental to keep in mind that each lobe of the intellect does not work alone. There are exceptionally complicated connections among the lobes of the intellect and between the right and left out hemispheres.

1.4.6. Ventricles

The brain has empty fluid-stuffed cavities known as ventricles. Within the ventricles may be a ribbon-like structure known as the choroid plexus that creates clear colorless cerebrospinal liquid (CSF). CSF streams interior and over the intellect and spinal rope to help pad it from injury. This circulating liquid is ceaselessly being ingested and replenished [21].

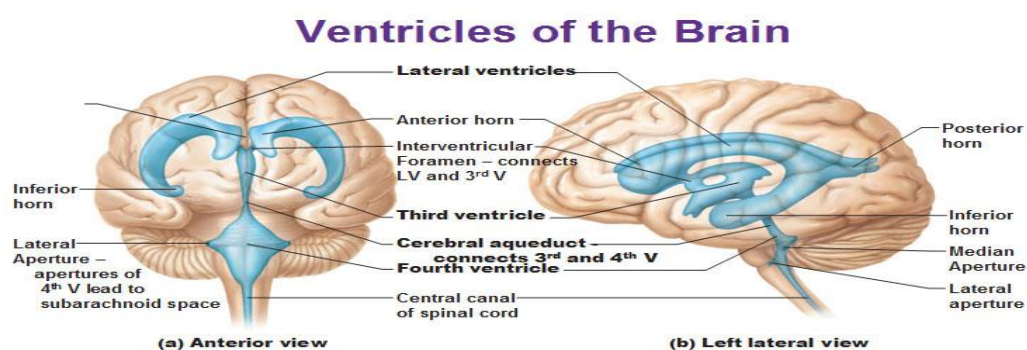


Figure 1.14: Ventricles and cerebrospinal fluid [24].

There are ventricles profound within the cerebral halves of the globe alluded to as the sidelong ventricles. They both interface with the third ventricle through an isolated commencing called the foramen of Monro. The third ventricle interfaces with the fourth ventricle through a long limit tube known as the reservoir conduit of Sylvius. From the fourth ventricle, CSF streams

into the subarachnoid zone wherein it showers and pads the intellect. CSF is reused (or ingested) by way of extraordinary frameworks interior the progressed sagittal sinus alluded to as arachnoid villi. A solidness is kept up among the amount of CSF that's absorbed and the quantity this is often delivered. A disturbance or blockage inside the gadget can cause a buildup of CSF, that can rationale development of the ventricles (hydrocephalus) or reason a set of liquid within the spinal wire (syringomyelia) [21].

1.5.Head Injuries

The time period 'head injury' is as often as possible utilized traded with the time period 'brain harm' or 'traumatic brain injury' and alludes to a damage to the brain or cranium obtained through aggravating way. Injuries to the confront are Maxillofacial Injuries and are not examined on this Thesis [25].

A head trauma is any kind of injury to your head, noggin, or scalp. This will extend from a delicate knock or wound to an unpalatable head injury. Regular head wounds contain syncope, cranium breaks, and scalp wounds. The effects and drugs shift fundamentally, contingent upon what provoked your head and how bad it is. Head wounds can be either shut or open. A shut head injury is any harmed that doesn't break your skull. An open, or entering, the head injury is one wherein something breaks skull and infiltrates cerebrum [20].

1.5.1. Reason of Head Accidents

In widespread, head accidents can be partitioned into two classifications essentially dependent on what causes them. They can both be head injuries in light of hits to the best or brain injuries because of shaking. Head wounds because of shaking are common, not bizarre in babies and infants, anyway they can emerge whenever one victim in drastic shaking. Head injury coming about because of a hit to the apex are regularly connected with

- motor car accidents
- post fall down
- physical assaults
- sports activities-related accidents [20]

1.5.2. Varieties of Head Injuries

1.5.2.1. Intra-axial hemorrhage

Intra-axial hemorrhage is bleeding in the brain itself, or cerebral discharge. This class comprises of the intraparenchymal drain or bleeding in the mind tissue, and intraventricular discharge, bleeding inside the cerebrum's ventricles (basically of untimely children). Intra-axial hemorrhages are more perilous and harder to treat than extra-axial bleeds.

Intracerebral hemorrhage

Intracerebral bleeding happens inside the brain tissue itself. Sometimes the amount of bleeding is little, but like bruising in a few other a portion of the outline, swelling or edema might too happen over a period of time, causing a progressive lower within the level of consciousness and other signs of head injury.

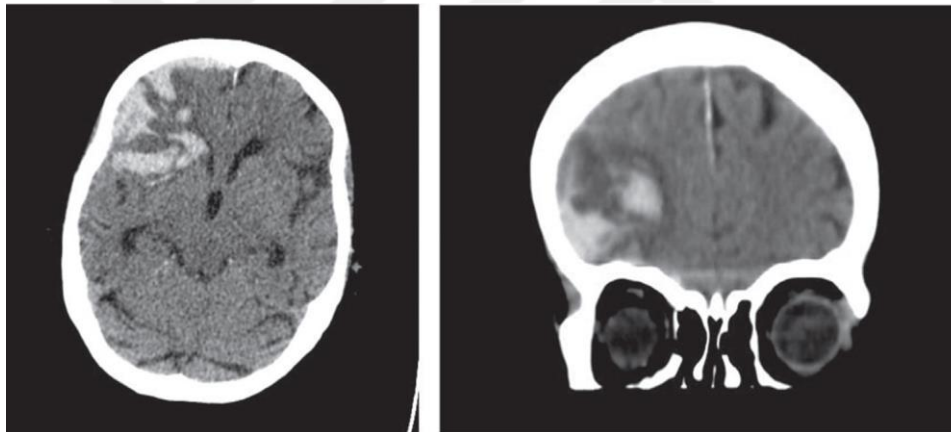


Figure 1.15: Intracerebral hemorrhage [26]

Intraventricular hemorrhage

It is a bleeding into the cerebrum's ventricular contraption, where the cerebrospinal liquid is conveyed and flows through inside the heading of the subarachnoid space. It can result from physical damage or from draining in stroke. Generally seen in patients with head wounds and can emerge by utilizing a few instruments. First, it can result from rotationally actuated tearing of subependymal veins at the floor of the ventricles. Another option is by utilizing coordinate

expansion of a parenchymal hematoma into the ventricular machine. Third, intraventricular blood can result from retrograde float of subarachnoid hemorrhage into the ventricular framework the fourth ventricular out go with the stream foramina. Patients with intraventricular hemorrhage have a chance for ensuing hydrocephalus by hindrance both at the degree of the water passage or arachnoid villi. On CT, intraventricular hemorrhage appears as hyper thick cloth, layering dependently within the ventricular gadget. Modest collections of increased thickness layering within the occipital horns may be the only clue to intraventricular hemorrhage [27].



Figure 1.16: Intraventricular hemorrhage [28].

1.5.2.2. Extra-axial hemorrhage

Epidural hematoma

With respect to an epidural hematoma, the hemorrhage is situated among the Dura mater and the head (epi=outdoor). The injury frequently along the side of the head where the center meningeal supply route tracks in a channel in conjunction with the transient bone. The bone is particularly tinny and recommends a less sum of defense than distinctive components of the skull. Since the bleeding keeps, the hematoma or clot extends. There's a little area in the skull for the hematoma to create as a result it extends, the adjoining brain tissue is compressed. With

extended strain the brain begins off evolved to move and becomes to be compressed against the bones of the head. The weight tends to develop fast since the spaces that connect the Dura to the cranium bones make little regions that bait blood. Indications of head damage and decreased level of consciousness occur as the pressure increases.

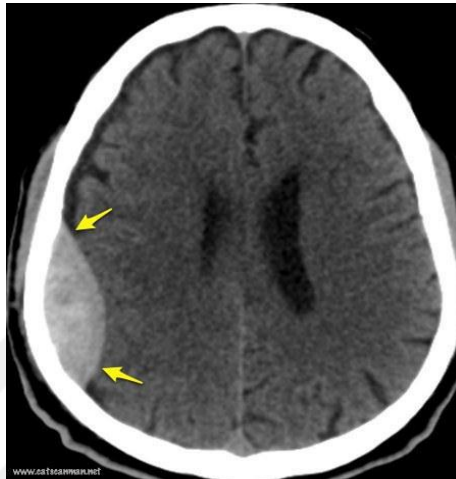


Figure 1.17: CT Brain Epidural Hematoma [29].

Subdural hematoma

A subdural hematoma is situated beneath the Dura mater (sub=below), among it and the arachnoids coating. Blood on this interplanetary is competent to drain into a greater planetary due to the reality there are not any spate proscribing the blood drift. In any case, after a period time, the full of bleeding may furthermore cause increase compression and cause symptoms and seems much like those realized with an epidural hematoma.



Figure 1.18: CT Brain Acute Subdural hematoma [29].

Subarachnoid hemorrhage

Subarachnoid hemorrhage happens inside the interplanetary underneath the arachnoids coating wherein the cerebrospinal fluid is situated. Often there's extraordinary cerebral pain and vomiting with subarachnoid hemorrhage. Because this space joins with the vertebral channel, pressure buildup tends not to occur. Nevertheless, this injury as often occurs in combination with the other categories of hemorrhage inside the brain and the signs may be compounded. [20].

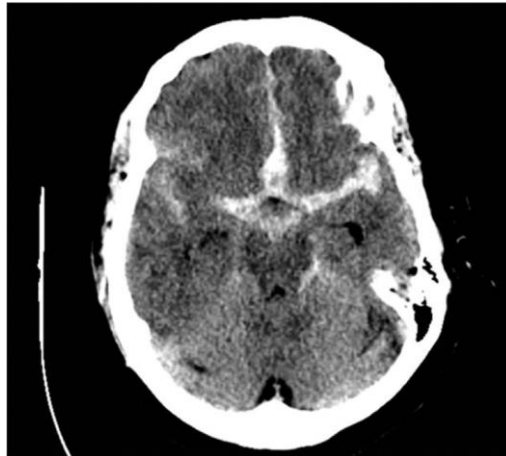


Figure 1.19: Subarachnoid hemorrhage [26].

Concussion

Concussion is portrayed as brief and rescindable posttraumatic correction in mental acclim (e.g., need of mindfulness or memory) proceeds from seconds to minutes and, with the help of arbitrary clarification, <6 hours. Net basic brain injuries and genuine neurologic residua are not portion of concussion, in spite of the fact that brief inability can happen and post-concussion indications such as queasiness, cerebral pains, discombobulation, and memory clutters can be essentially deactivating. [30]

Diffuse Axonal Injury (DAI)

occurs when deceleration causes sheartype forces that result in generalized, widespread disruption of axonal fibers and myelin sheaths (although DAI may also result from minor head injury). Net basic sores are not part of DAI, but rather little petechial hemorrhages inside the white issue are frequently viewed on CT check (and histopathologic examination). DAI is from time to time described clinically as a disaster of awareness enduring >6 hours within the nonattendance of chosen central injury. Edema from the injury as regularly as conceivable will increase intracranial weight (ICP), prompting different appearances. DAI is commonly the fundamental injury in shaken baby disorder [30].

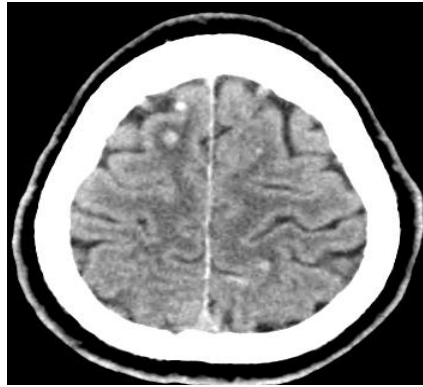


Figure 1.20: Diffuse axonal injury [28].

Brain Contusions

Contusions (Wounds of the brain) may emerge with mishaps. They may likewise hurt a colossal assortment of brain highlights, contingent upon wound length and territory. Bigger wounds may reason brain edema and augmented intracranial weight (ICP). Wounds may also create and develop' Parikh et al into more prominent slashes which can be known as intracerebral hematomas. The contrast among wounds and intracerebral hematomas isn't unmistakable [30].

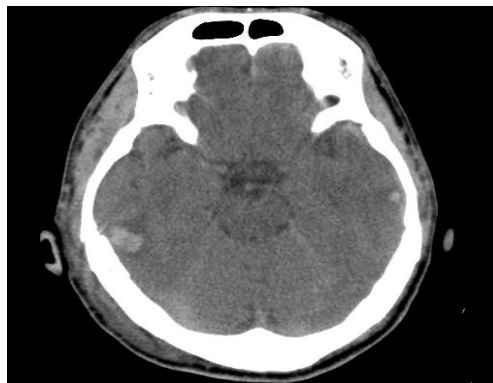


Figure 1.21: Brain Contusions [28].

1.5.3. Cranium Fractures

A head harm might also cause cranium fracture, which might also or may not be associated with harm to the head.

1.5.3.1. Linear Fractures

Linear cranium fissures are disruptions inside the bone that cross the entire breadth of the skull from the external to internal surface. They are commonly upright without a bone shift. The usual reason of damage is blunted strength trauma where the impression shifted to an enormous extent of the cranium. Linear cranium fissures are normally of a slight medical importance except they are corresponding in adjacent vicinity or transverse a joint, or they contain an intravenous sinus trench or vascular passage. The ensuing headaches could additionally contain joint diastasis, venous sinus thrombosis, and epidural hematoma. In younger kids, though it is uncommon, the opportunity occurs of emerging a skull fissure in particular if the fissure happens inside the parietal bone [27].

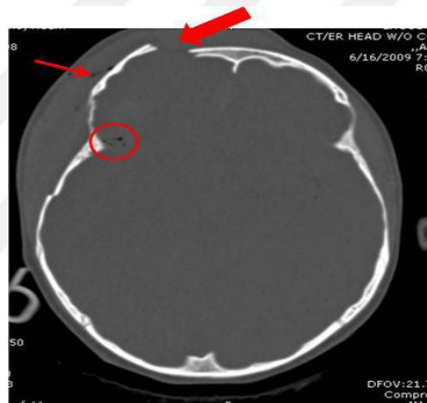


Figure 1.22: CT Brain Linear Skull Fracture [29].

1.5.3.2. Depressed Fractures

A dejected skull fracture takes place normally on account of blunt pressure trauma, which includes beating with a hammer or a stone or being kicked on the head. Those forms of fissures, which arise in 11% of intense head accidents are comminuted in which damaged bones are displaced inward. Depressed cranium fractures have a high risk of extended strain on the brain, or a hemorrhage to the head that suppresses the sensitive tissue [28].

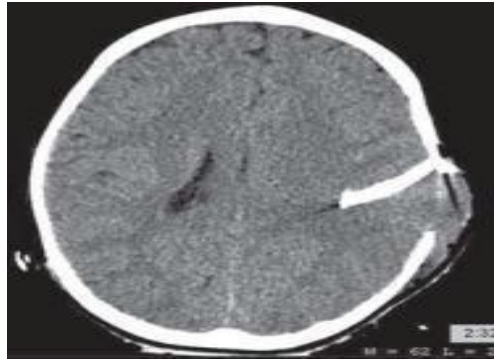


Figure 1.23: CT Brain Depressed Skull Fracture [29].

1.5.3.3. Basilar Skull Fractures

Basilar skull fractures are rectilinear fractures which located inside the ground of the cranial vault (skull base). It involves extra pressure to reason more than different parts of the neuron cranium. Hence, they are uncommon, taking place as the simplest fissure in 4% of intense head impairment patients. They have symptoms such as bloody sinuses referring to a fluid named cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) dripping from the nostril (rhinorrhea) or ears (otorrhea); in line with orbital ecchymosis frequently referred to as raccoon eyes (damage in the area around the eyes that resulted from blood collecting there because it comes from the fissure. It is the retro auricular ecchymosis referred to as "war's symbol" (yellowing over the mastoid area) [27].

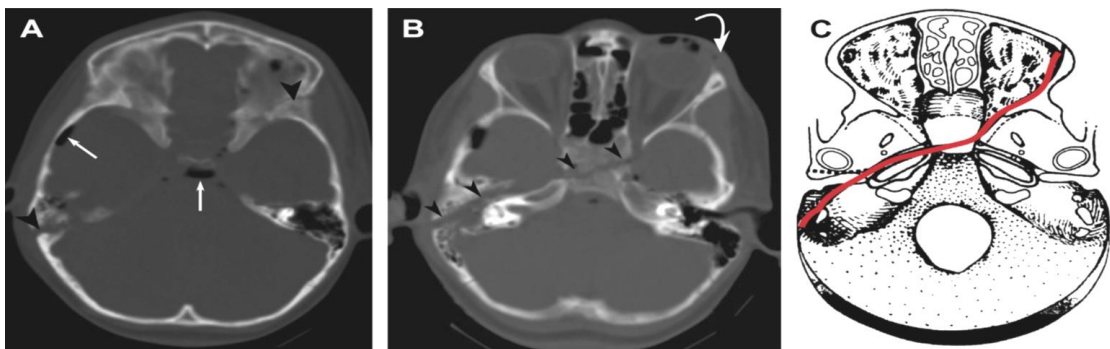


Figure 1.24: Skull Basilar fracture [31].

1.5.3.4. Diastolic Fractures

Diastolic fractures arise whilst the line transverses one or extra joins of the cranium triggering a broadening of the joint. At the same time as this form of fissure is commonly visible in newborns and children because the joints are not attached. It could also take place in grownups. When a diastolic fracture happens in adults, it generally influences the lambdoidal joint as it

does not absolutely render in grownups till approximately they are 60 Diastolic fractures may arise distinct varieties of fractures and it is feasible for diastasis of the cranial joins to arise deprived of a concomitant fracture. Sutured diastasis could arise in diverse congenital issues that include cleidocranial dysplasia and osteogenesis imperfecta [32].

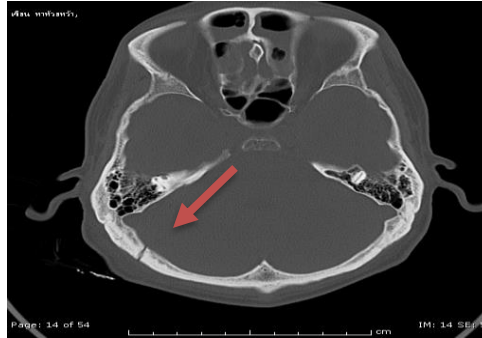


Figure 1.25: Diastatic fracture [28]

1.5.3.5. Compound Fractures

A rupture in combination with a covering laceration that splits the epidermis and the meninges or goes through the paranasal sinuses along to the middle ear systems, placing on the surroundings that are in touch with the cranial hollow space it is a compound fracture. Those fracture can also both be smooth or infected. Intracranial air (pneumocephalus) may additionally arise in compound cranium fractures. The severe hardship of compound skull fractures Contamination Enlarge chance reasons for contamination contain visible contamination, meningeal split, unattached bone fragments and supplying for remedy more than eight hours after preliminary damage [32].

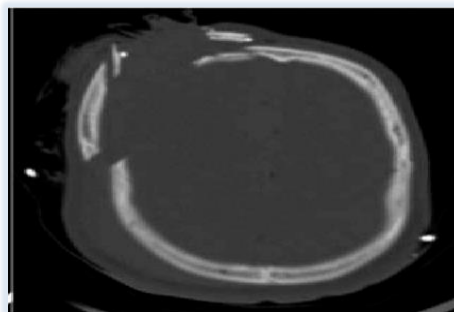


Figure 1.26: Compound fracture [33].

2. MATERIALS AND METHODS

2.1. MATERIALS

2.1.1. Patients

In this study 100 patients information has been obtained from Misrata medical center retrospective records for academic work. Observing 100 instances of patients who had been exposed to numerous injuries and underwent A CT to determine their health status for each sex and for distinctive ages. The samples had been gathered in the duration of 6 months from August 2017 to January 2018, the duration of 6 months was enough to acquire 100 cases . For instance, in CT, all assessments are carried out , more than the tradition methods of head exams, CT scan not only for emergencies Including tumours, urinary tracts, and many others. There are studies whose goal period for series of samples became twelve months. when a patient is involved in an emergency, the medical doctor needs to have a look at the patient medical earlier than taking any decision concerning him. One of the measurements that should be taken in account is the Glasgow Coma Scale (GCS) which is applied for the patient before CT.

2.1.1.1. Glasgow Coma Measurement (GCS)

It is the gadget that is used to designate the level of awareness for people detecting the disturbing brain injury. Currently the most widely used scale. Essentially, it is applied to estimate the acuteness of a critical head damage. The check is easy, dependable, and associates properly with consequence after excessive head impairment. The GCS is a consistent and impartial manner of registering the primary and consequent stage of focus in someone after a head injury. It is employed by qualified workers on the website online of a damage similar a vehicle accident or sports injuries, for instance, and in the emergency department and demanding attention gadgets. The GCS processes the subsequent tasks:

Eye movement (E)

4 = impulsive

3 = to sound

2 = to pressure

1 = none

NT = not testable

Voiced Comeback (V)

5 = leaning

4 = disorganized

3 = words, but not comprehensible

2 = sounds, but no vocabulary

1 = none

NT = not testable

Motorized Reaction (M)

6 = follows command

5 = confining

4 = standard flexion

3 = irregular flexion

2 = addition

1 = none

NT = not testable

Clinicians use this measure to scale the initial eye reaction, and the nice motorized reply that one marks. The very last GCS rating is the totality of these figures.

2.1.1.2. Usage of the Glasgow Coma Measure

A patient's Glasgow Coma rating (GCS) has to be attested on a coma scale graph. GCS allows for enhancement or retrogradation in the affected person's situation to remain speedy and in reality, connected. Character factors, in addition to the sum of the rating, are crucial. The patient GCS value may be recognized statistically (e.g. E2V4M6) as well as delivered both for presenting a full Coma mark (such as E2V4M6 = 12). For instance, a rating can be conveyed as GCS 12 = E2 V4 M6 at 4:32. each head injury is distinct, however usually, mind damage is categorized as:

- Critical: GCS 8 or less
- Temperate: GCS 9-12
- Slight: GCS 13-15

Slight head trauma may bring about brief or everlasting neural signs and neuroimaging exams , consisting of CT test or MRI display proof of harm. Slight and excessive head damages frequently bring about lengthy-time period deficiencies in cognition (intellectual abilities), body capacities and responsive/interactive effectiveness [34].

2.1.2. System Used

The device used in this study CT test 64 slice Philips is a good tool which enables to get clear pics as speedy as feasible and you may effortlessly diagnose the patient's circumstance and display the information of each case, and this tool can show three-dimensional snap shots, mainly within the case of cranium fractures. then again, the biomedical screen ought to be. had inside the exam room as well as the oxygen cylinder.

2.1.2.1. Computed Tomography (CT)

CT scanning is the preferred way to can patient with acute head injury who may require surgical intervention. It's quicker and accurate, CT scanning entails using ionizing radiation. It's miles extensively normal that sufferers who do not have mild head accidents should receive a CT test. For those with mild head injuries, a CT scan need to best be indicated for the one's sufferers identified by means of based scientific evaluation as being at increased chance of intracranial

damage. While a CT is odd in a patient with mild head injury, the abnormalities generally do no longer require particular treatment. accidents inclusive of a non-depressed skull vault fracture, small hemorrhage in the brain (or “contusion”) or bleeding outside of the head (subarachnoid and small subdural hemorrhages) are the most typical findings inside the minority of patients with moderate head injury and an unusual CT test [35].

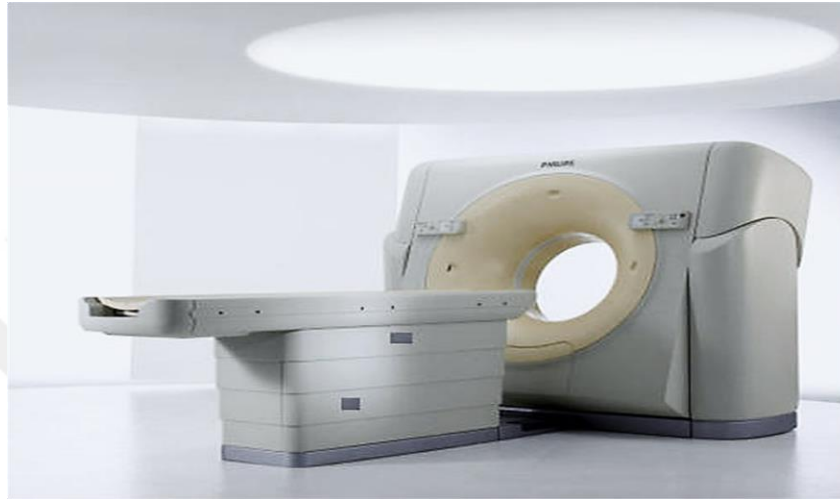


Figure 2.1: CT scan 64 slice Philips [36].

In addition to an automatic tomography (CT) device, the essential signs and symptoms screen have to be present to discover essential symptoms of the patient throughout the imaging duration, mainly whilst the affected person is in a coma.

2.1.2.2. Critical Symptoms Reveal

Crucial symptoms reveal is a device that provides critical records about the affected person's scientific condition such as blood pressure, temperature, respiratory rate, amount of oxygen in the blood and pulse rate.



Figure 2.2: Vital signs Monitor [37].

2.1.2.3. Applications

Small sensors connected in your frame deliver statistics to the display. A number of these sensors are covers by pores and skin, whereas other sensors can be trimmed on those of your hands. The gadgets require modified loads for the reason that first electric heart screen was invented in 1949. Today, many own touch-screen equipment and collect data wirelessly.

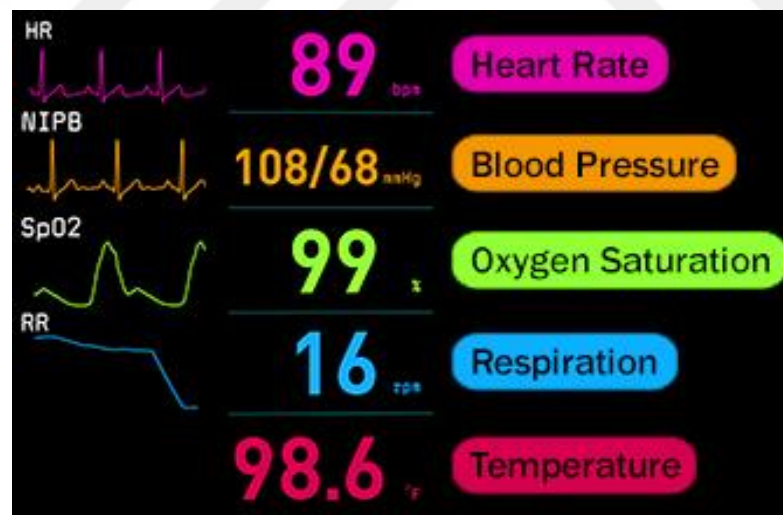


Figure 2.3: Meaning the numbers that vital signs monitor [38].

Maximum elementary displays illustrate the coronary heart rate, blood stress, and body temperature. Greater superior fashions display how there is a great deal of oxygen that your blood is wearing or how fast is your respiration. These illustrations may even indicate what means plenty strain is in your head or how much carbon dioxide your respiratory system is

getting out. This demonstration is going to ensure sounds if any of your essential emblems and symptoms decrease under secure degrees.

2.1.2.4. Meaning of Figures

Coronary Heart Rate: Healthy adults' hearts usually beat between 60 and 100 times a minute. Those who are livelier may have sluggish coronary heart charges.

Blood Stress: It is a level of the strength to your conduits when your coronary heart is pulsating (referred to as systolic thickness) and when it is at relaxation(diastolic pressure). This primary range (systolic) can be between one hundred and 130, and the second variety (diastolic) should be somewhere in the range of 60 and 80.

Temperature: Regular frame illness is generally assumed to be 98.6 F; however, it truly can be anywhere from solely below 98 F levels to slightly over 99 F with no apprehension.

Breathing: An inactive grown-up normally respire 12 to 16 instances a minute.

Oxygen Saturation: This variety counts quantity of oxygen is in your blood, on a gauge as much as a hundred. The wide variety is commonly 95 or higher, and something beneath ninety way your body might not be getting sufficient oxygen [38].

2.1.2.5. Oxygen Cylinder

One of the things that ought to be inside the computed tomography chamber is the oxygen cylinder, to provide the patient with oxygen, specially if the patient is unable to breathe. Patients with most important head trauma is vulnerable to hypoxemia and hypercapnia. They demand necessary testing and upkeep of airway patency, by putting simple aides or early intubation and ventilation to keep them away from injuries because brain oedema can be irritated by hypercapnia, even if this involves an interhospital switch. Preliminary remedy must contain high oxygen absorption via a reservoir mask incomplete accessibility of acceptable blood fuel measurements or until the air route is protected with the aid of intubation. Despite the fact that hypoxemia is not unusual with people with head damage, the virtual involvement of hypoxemia to final results has not been established yet. O'driscoll and his friends reached a decision that hypoxemia should be amended. However, a new assessment of the literature resolved that there is no proof of experimental gain from hyperoxia in brain-injured patients and a next experimental observe exposed that norm baric hyperopia did not enhance head metabolism in

five patients with severe brain damage. There aren't any United Kingdom guidelines for oxygen remedy in the immediate segment after head injury, but US pointers advise retaining an oxygen fullness over 90% for patients with serious brain damage. The current guiding principle recommends giving additional oxygen if it is obligatory to hold an oxygen inundation inside the range of 94–98%. In cases of fundamental head injury, target an oxygen inundation of 94–98%. Initial remedy should include excessive consistency of oxygen from a cistern mask at 10–15 l/min until accessibility of fine blood gas amounts or air route is guaranteed by way of intubation [39].

2.2. METHODS

The patient is located on the table of the device in order that it's far at the lower back and the top interior device "head first" device with the set up of a critical signs and symptoms reveal tool. The scanner looks as if a small torus like tool close to a desk. You stretch on a slim desk that moves via a gap within the machine referred to as the scaffold. While you are within the scaffold, an x-ray cylinder switches round you, making laptop-generated x ray snap shots. X-rays are effortless. The number one soreness can be resulting from the necessity to lay nonetheless on the desk. At some stage in the take a look at, it's far very vital so one can stay nonetheless due to the fact movement can bring about blurring photos. If you are stressed or worrying, sedatives may be given. If the health practitioner orders an exam with assessment, you can be relieved from soreness while the venous line is injected. The assessment mediator may be offered orally, intravenously, or both. For instance, if higher divergence among distinct tissues or organs is wanted, the dye is run as an injection right into a vein. An oral evaluation agent can be required for CT examinations of the abdomen and pelvis. The comparison fabric allows the radiologist to greater genuinely see a sure region or shape of the body. The transportable desk increases and lowers you and moves you inside and outside of the scanner. You are gently secured at the table with an unfastened strap. The table advances slightly (with the aid of 1/4 to 1/2 of inch) among each skimming assembly to correctly align your frame for the next image. The percentage of the frame, that is being considered is moved towards the scaffold, and that is the only fragment of the frame this is uncovered, to the x-ray. A technician particularly qualified in using CT equipment plays the exam with the aid of a functioning computer in an adjacent room. The technician will express how to preserve your breath whilst to respire normally. A legitimate device is built into the machine to allow the technician to speak at some point of communication procedure. Moreover, you are able to communicate with

the technician throughout the exam if required. On the other hand, it is far crucial for you not to move at some stage in the analysis. Using brain CT, the head will be positioned in a container with a free band throughout the forehead to softly cozy the placement of the patient's head.

2.2.1. C T Parameters

- Protocol call: Trauma brain / Head
- KV P 120, MAS 400
- Slice thickness: 1.00 mm
- Affected person position: Head First Supine

2.2.2. Photograph Interpretation

The photos are identified in windows, brain window of via which, the presence of whatever within the brain tissues as an instance hemorrhage, and the bone window can be detected the presence of fractures inside the skull after which print the snap shots of the 2 windows or copied on a difficult disk to be placed within the affected person document. A CT test may reduce or take away the basics for invasive strategies to identify difficulties in the head. Following evaluation of your signs and symptoms and exam, a doctor might also demand a CT test within the succeeding conditions:

- Severe annoying damage
- Severe stroke
- Assumed hemorrhage inside the mind
- Headache
- Irregular increase of the head

CT scans also are employed to outlook the facial bones, the jaw, the temporal bones, and the sinus cavities. CT system for the pinnacle might be used to come across brain lumps, blood clots and blood vessel deficiencies, engorged ventricles (because of the accumulation of cerebrospinal fluid), and detect different irregularities including the eye nerves or muscles.

CT is referred to as the approach of preference for scanning patients with severe trauma. CT examinations are quick and easy and offer the medical examiner with brief reviews for probably the existence-threatening pathology. In addition, CT enables remedy crews to quickly decide if surgical procedure is wanted. With the appearance of spiral CT, the incessant attainment of comprehensive CT dimensions may be followed for the analysis of blood vessels.

2.2.3. Statistics Series

Statistics were amassed through collecting medical reports for each case over a period of 6 months. Each document was tested in line with the affected person's situation, the age of the patient, gender of the affected person, type of injury, kind of bleeding, and kind of fracture.

2.2.4. Statistics Analysis

The "Numerical package for the Social Sciences" (SPSS) has a lot of uses for dealing with, perusing, and giving measurements; this package is broadly connected inside the social and direct sciences. Different sorts of SPSS are proposed. The middle database is called SPSS Base. There is various transfer on modules which increment the assortment of actualities gets to, numerical, or composing abilities. As indicated by our training, the most used of those for measurable assessment is the SPSS propelled models and SPSS Regression Models add-on modules. SPSS Inc. Also, it spreads remain solitary applications that work with SPSS [40].

Software with now makes use of both a graphical and a syntactical interface and affords dozens of capabilities for coping with, reading, and providing records. Its statistical talents on my own variety from simple percentages to complicated analyses of variance, more than one regressions, and trendy linear fashions. you may use statistics starting from simple integers or binary variables to a couple of reaction or logarithmic variables.

3. RESULTS

This study targeted a sample of 100 subjects who had head injuries and performed computerized tomography to diagnose their injuries. All the patients came for diagnosis to Misrata medical center during August 2017 to January 2018. Table 3.1 and figure 3.1 shows the distribution of ages starting at the age of 5 months. These data are average number who come to Misrata medical center to recognise head trauma.

Table 3.1 The distribution of ages.

Age		
Scale	Frequency	Percent
5 months	1	1%
1-25 year	51	51%
26-55 year	41	41%
>55 year	7	7%
Total	100	100%

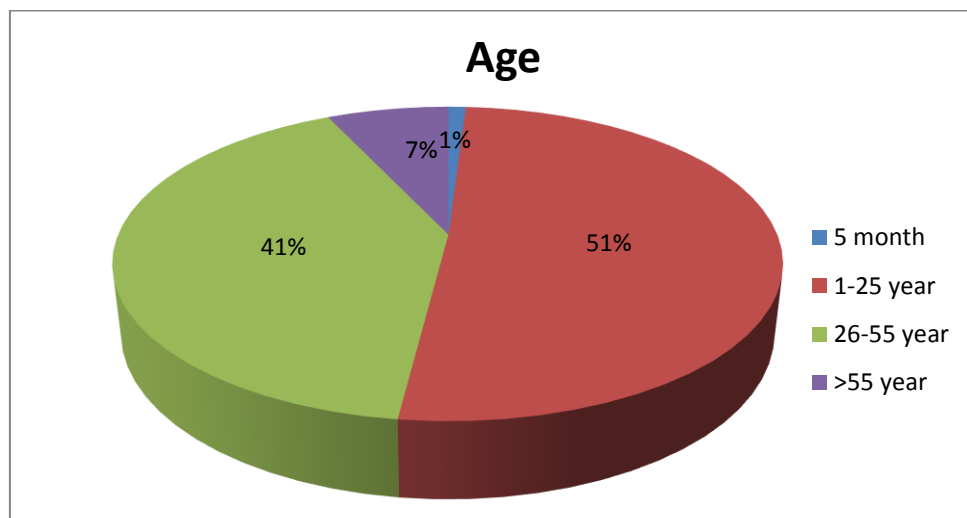


Figure 3.1: The distribution of ages.

Table 3.2 The distribution of males and females in the sample. Where it showed that the percentage of males is more than females.

Table 3.2: Number of genders .

Gender		
Type	Frequency	Percent
Male	87	87%
Female	13	13%
Total	100	100%

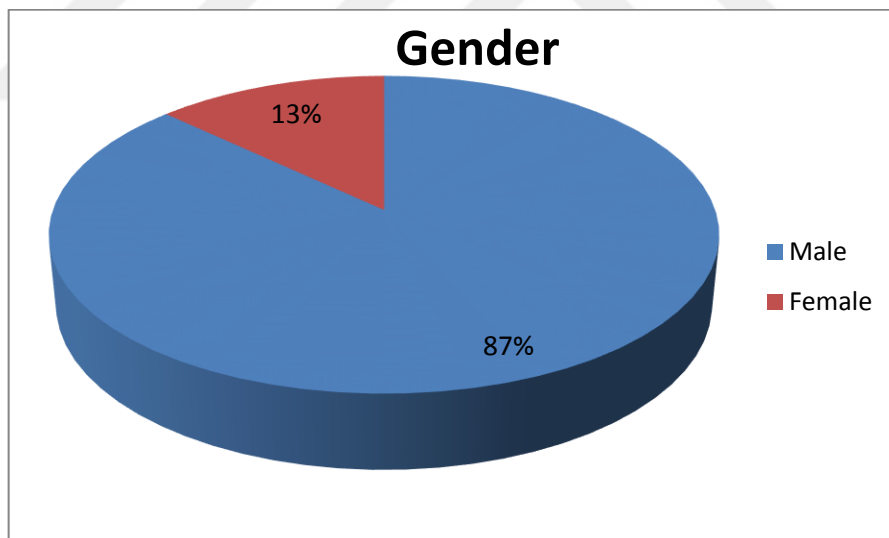


Figure 3.2: Number of genders .

Table 3.3 shows the causes of head injuries. The results showed that road traffic accidents represent the largest proportion of the causes of head injuries, because of the poor public road network and the lack of compliance by drivers with traffic laws.

Table 3.3: Head injuries causes .

Head injuries causes		
Type	Frequency	Percent
RTA	80	80%
Trauma	20	20%
Total	100	100%

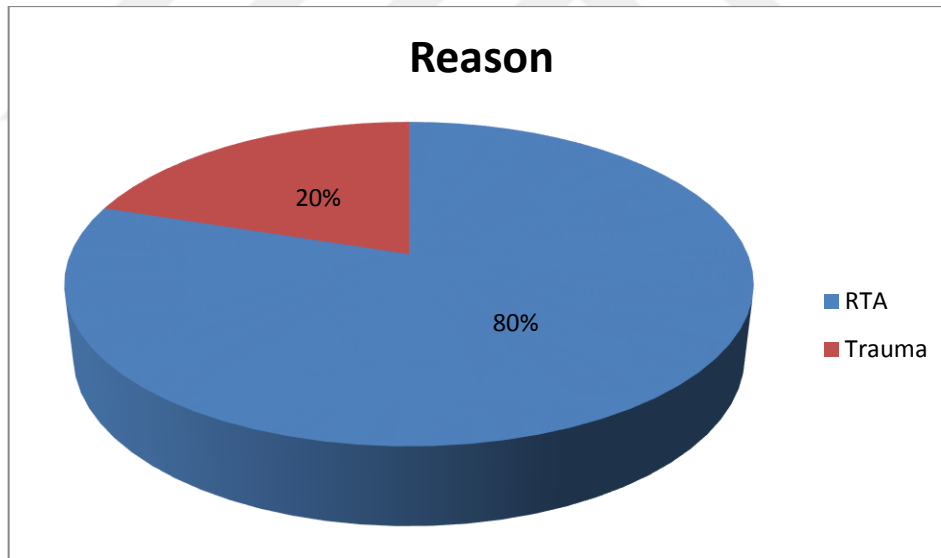


Figure 3.3: Head injuries causes .

Table 3.4 shows the number of normal and abnormal cases after examination. It was found that the highest percentage is in the cases of abnormal and this indicates that accuracy of the clinical examination before sending the patient to CT.

Table 3.4: The number of normal and abnormal .

Diagnosis		
Type	Frequency	Percent
Normal	26	26%
Abnormal	74	74%
Total	100	100%

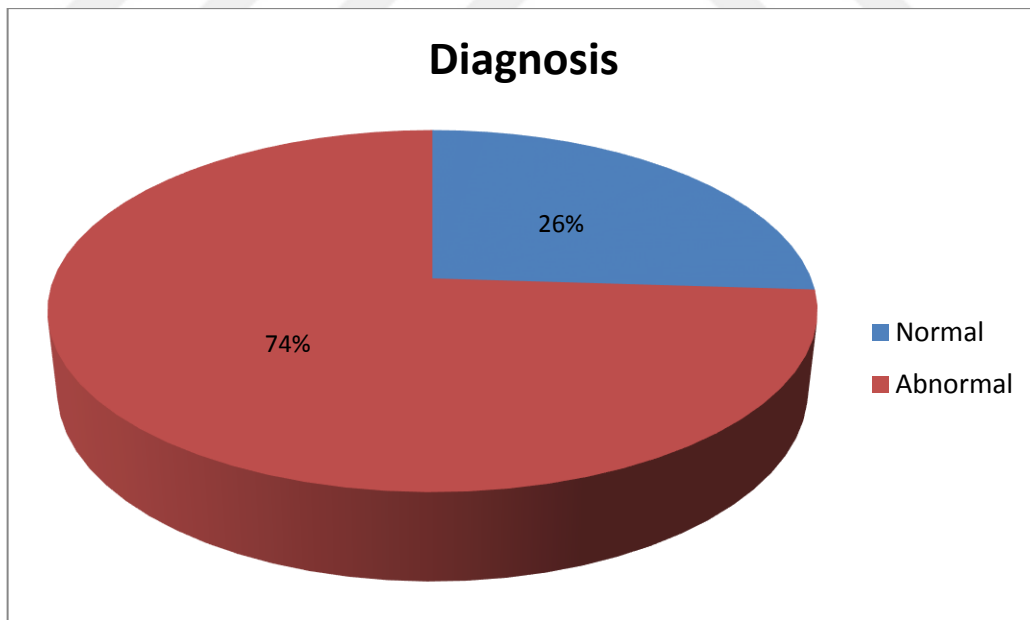


Figure 3.4: The number of normal and abnormal .

Table 3.5 The injury type of injuries that observed by CT. Fracture, hemorrhage or both. Generally, they are equally distributed with more likely for hemorrhage to occur over the fracture type.

Table 3.5: The type of injury.

Injury Type		
Type	Frequency	Percent
Fracture	14	19%
Fracture+ Hemorrhage	25	34%
Hemorrhage	35	47%
Total	74	100%

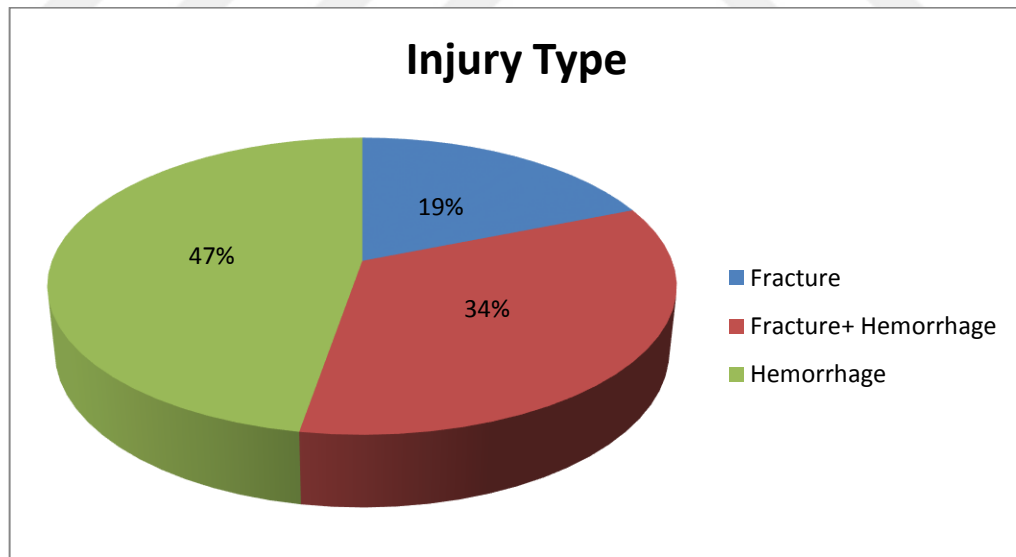


Figure 3.5: The type of injury .

Table 3.6 represents the types of skull fractures found in the sample. It has been found that the most frequent is the linear fracture which is common occurrence.

Table 3.6: Skull fracture types.

Skull Fracture		
Type	Frequency	Percent
Compound	7	27%
Depressed	5	19%
Linear	14	54%
Total	26	100%

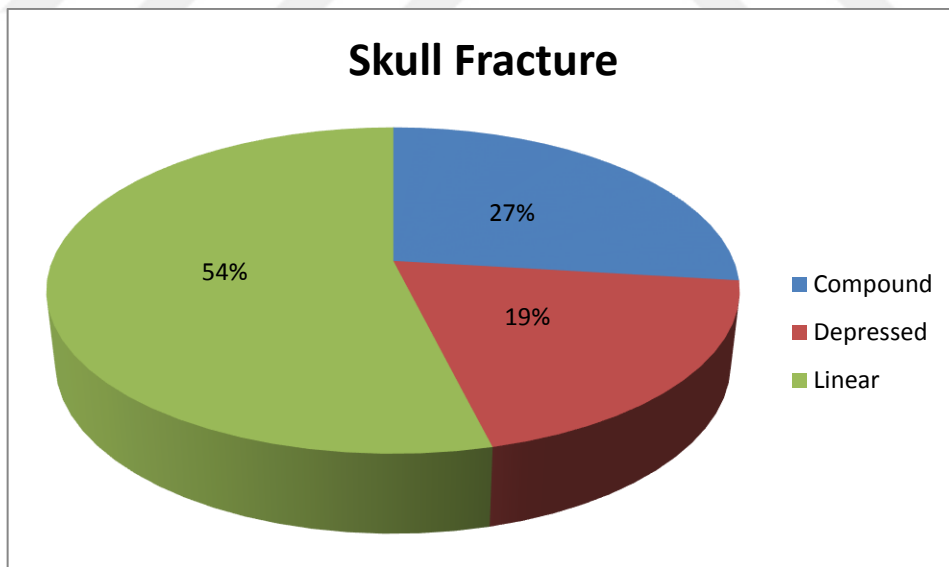


Figure 3.6: Skull fracture types.

Table 3.7 shows the types of hemorrhage detected after CT scan. We found that the most common type of hemorrhage is Subdural hemorrhage which is common since it is in the outer head layers.

Table 3.7: Hemorrhage Types.

Hemorrhage Types		
Type	Frequency	Percent
Contusion	21	23%
Subarachnoid hemorrhage	14	15%
Subdural hemorrhage	29	32%
Epidural Hemorrhage EPI	7	8%
Intraventricular hemorrhage	14	15%
Intracerebral hemorrhage	4	4%
Diffuse axonal injury (DAI)	2	2%
Total	91	100%

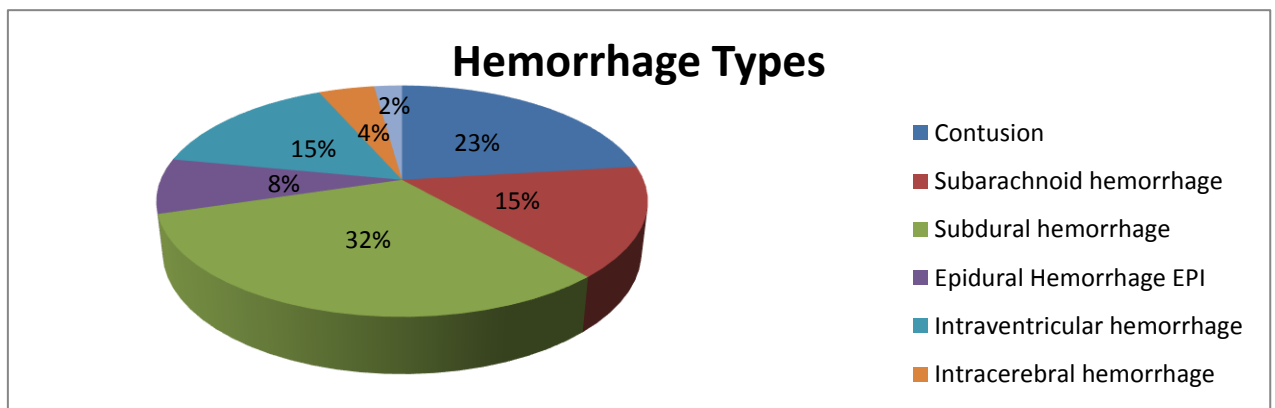


Figure 3.7: Hemorrhage Types.

CT scan and MRI imaging

The CT imaging procedure is the first step of diagnosis in most hospitals for head injuries, especially for emergency cases, because of its advantages regarding the safety and practical of use. Here we show some medical cases that have been diagnosed by CT and MRI imaging to investigate the role of CT in initial diagnosis phases. These cases have been obtained from Misrata Medical Center.

Fig 3.8 shows a CT and MR images of twenty-year-old woman who was involved in a motor vehicle accident. The CT images have been taken initially and demonstrates an epidural hematoma and skull fracture, where MR procedure has been applied after 24 hours to observe more detail about the case, as it couldn't be applied in initial state demonstrates a large cortical and subcortical contusion not identified on the CT scan and lake to the ability to detect the skull fracture.

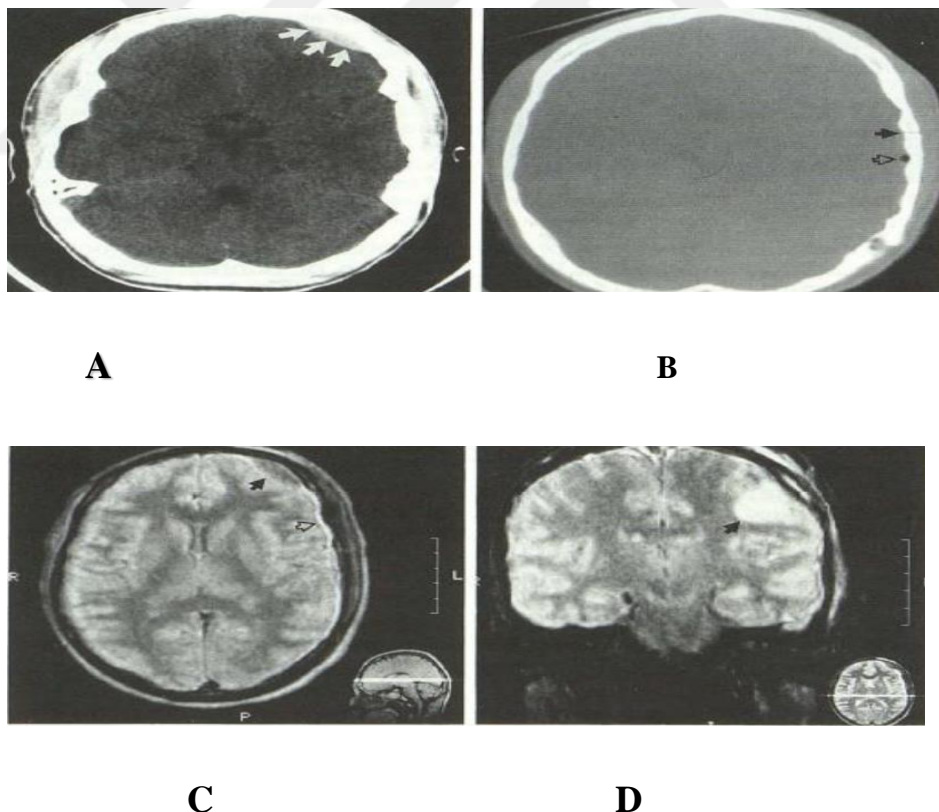


Figure 3.8 : A and B shows the skull-fracture and hemorrhage legion of the injury while C and D refer to MRI images of the same case but after 1 day of the injuries and without ability to show the fracture significantly.

Fig 3.9 a 26-year-old man who was “fell down” with altered mental status. The CT scans are able to show hyper-dense hemotoma and the fracture as well, but the MR scans were not able to show the same hemotoma but it was clear from the MR images that the pia matter which appear as thin layer has been displaced, this reveal to the existence of such hemotoma.

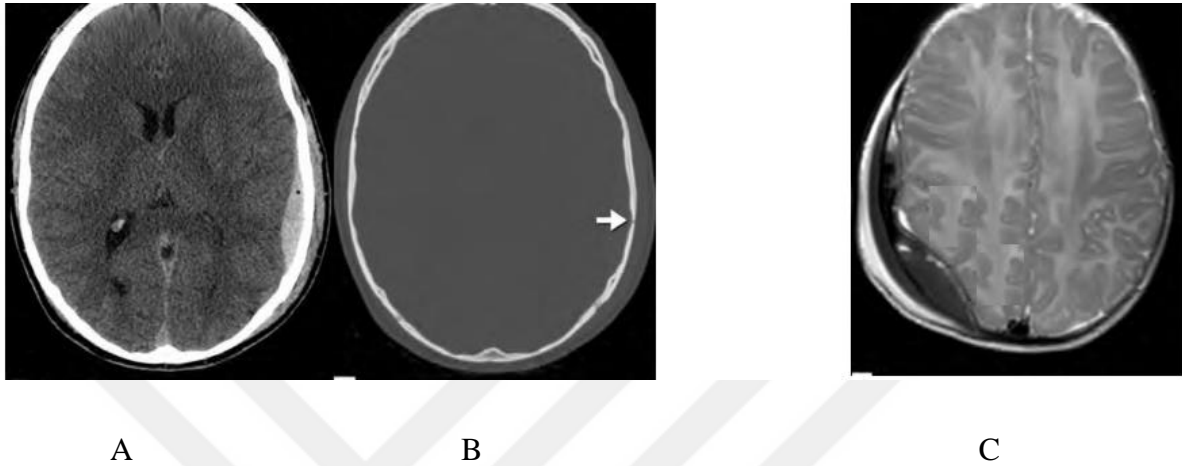


Figure 3.9: (A, B) CT scans showing classic biconvex hyperdense epidural hematoma with an overlying nondisplaced calvarial fracture (arrow). (C) MR of different patients (3-month-old accidentally dropped on her head) reveal a right parietal biconvex low signal epidural collection.

Fig 3.10 show a case of Parenchymal contusion case for a 59-year-old woman after a fall, the CT scan can show such kind of injury which is not only limited by MRI, here the MRI images also obtained after 5 days to show the contusion, also fracture can be noted on CT scans

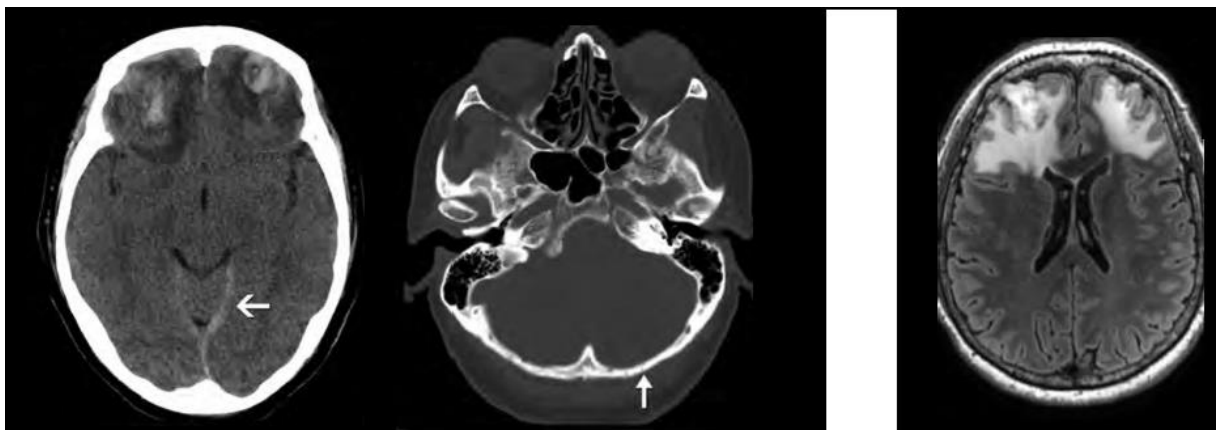


Figure 3.10: (Left) CT images show a nondisplaced left occipital fracture (arrow) with an underlying hemorrhagic contusion in the left cerebellar hemisphere. (Right) These lesions have

a predictable appearance on MRI with a large area of surrounding edema on FLAIR images after a fall that occurred 5 days earlier without ability to detect the fracture.

Fig 3.11 show a case of 61-year-old male patient after head trauma a clear Intraventricular hemotoma injury that didn't appear in the same place by MR images applied after 11 day (only the original place of injury can be noted by the MRI scans).

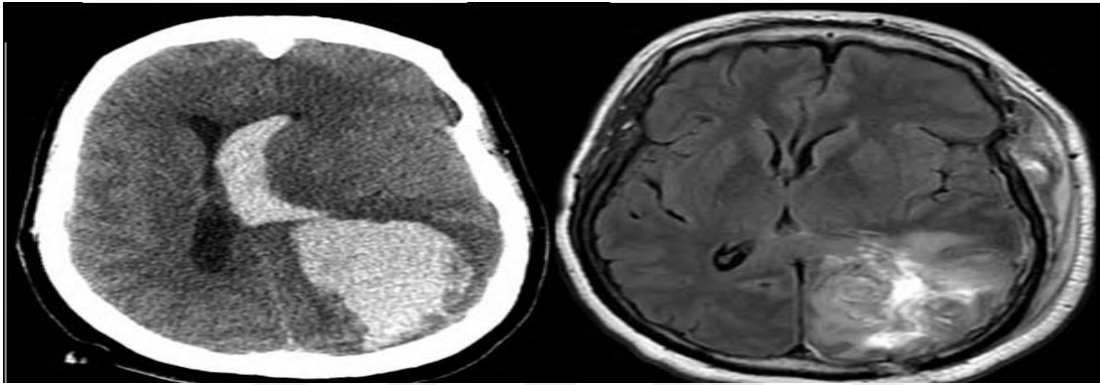


Figure 3.11: (Left) CT reveals head trauma with a large, hyper-dense, acute left parietal hematoma with surrounding edema. (Right) MRI of 11 days later reveals decreased edema region with residual T2 hyperintense blood products.

4. DISCUSSION

This thesis is completed by using database taken from Misrata medical center for 6 months. The goal pattern becomes one hundred instances, including females and adult males of those, 87 have been men and 13 have been female, with percent 87% and 13% as indicated in the table and figure (3.2). The age factor played an important role in distributing the observed injuries; this is clearly reflected as in table 3.1, where the age range (1-25) exhibits the majority of this category of 51% of subjects followed by the range (26-55). This is related to the factor of the people of age arrange between 1 and 25 are the most part of population can witness accidents during the day-life routine. But the range >55 doesn't witness high percentage of such conditions and also the average age in Libya is around 60 years old. Road traffic accidents RTA were the main cause of head injuries which it cover 80% of injuries causes in comparison to accidents due to different causes like falling and others. This mainly interpreted by the situation of road network in that area, which is not agree with the main health standards, and accordingly, this will make the possibility of traffic accidents to take place in majority as can be seen in table and figure (3.3). As can be noted in table 3.4, 26% of the cases that have been examined by using CT as to be normal, this is low level comparing to 74% of the cases that have been proved to be abnormal, this observation reflects the good accuracy of the CT to be used as diagnosis tool for such cases and indirectly reflecting the relation to the injuries causes; as the most injuries causes come from RTA, the mainly led the cases to be abnormal (traffic accidents mainly led to heavy injuries). The maximum common harm changed into hemorrhage at 47%, even as fracture-associated accidents had been the lowest 19%, while both bleeding and fractures have been estimated at 34% as shown in table and figure 3.5. Here the benefit of CT can be noticed how much important, because the hemorrhage cases are the most observed one, which are not clear as the fracture cases; fracture case can be easily noticed. The linear fracture is considered as the most type of skull fracture with 54% occurring possibility within the cases (figure 3.6). The most common type of hemorrhage occurring places are subdural hemorrhage of 32%, and Contusion with 23 %, and the lowest on was Diffuse axonal injury (DAI) 2% as explained in table and figure (3.7). This can be understood from the matter of subdural place, as its location in the most outside layers of the brain which make it more likely to be injured more than other layers.

The cases of head injuries for patients who require emergent neurosurgical intervention are with great important to be differentiating from normal and safely cases.

Figure 3.8 explain a case of fracture and epidural hematoma that can be clearly recognized by CT firstly even the MRI after some days can give more detailed image regarding the hematoma, and similar diagnosis procedure are were applied and give similar results as shown in figure 3.9 (fracture and hematoma), 3.10(fracture and hematoma) and 3.11 (trauma)

CT is considered as one of the best choices for the initial imaging study after acute moderate to severe head injuries because it is fast, ubiquitous, very sensitive to calvarial injury and radio-opaque foreign bodies (e.g., gunshot fragments), and it is highly accurate for detecting injuries requiring emergent neurosurgical attention--namely hemorrhage, herniation, skull fractures and hydrocephalus.

On the other hand, the MRI imaging technique is not likely preferred for the initial evaluation of TBI, because it is less sensitive for fractures, takes longer to acquire, is generally less available, and is relatively expensive as a screening modality. MRI also requires additional safety screening for incompatible medical devices like a pacemaker and metallic foreign bodies.

In addition, doctors do not need magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) in emergency situations that require speed in order to save the patient's life

5. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

In this study, head injuries have been investigated and the computed tomography (CT) was investigated as a way to detect them as earlier as possible. This look at turned into conducted so that it will shed mild on one of the optimum strategies for the detection of any head accidents, whether simple or severe and in a quick time. Alternatively, we noted the Glasgow Coma Scale (GCS), a high-quality manner to find out the affected person's situation earlier than appearing the CT experiment. Using this procedure, we can recognize the patient's awareness and whether or not his condition is stable, slight or critical in case of unconsciousness or non-reaction. We obtained the outcomes from the reports prepared with the aid of the radiologists after the exam of each case that suffers from head harm by means of CT scan. The observations lead to conclude that maximum of head injuries had been as a result of RTA. The most common type of injuries is observed to be hemorrhage. Similarly, CT can identify fractures and kind of fractures. CT is the primary-line imaging approach permitting fast detection of number one structural head lesions that require surgical intervention.

CT is considered as more powerful and preferred technique for initial evaluation case of head injuries in comparison with MRI as it's faster and needing fewer preparing setups. MRI is not preferred for the emergence cases of head injuries .

In this, thesis we need to make the subsequent recommendations:

- More care of the general public roads and instructing humans, legal guidelines and adherence to the safety belt to reduce street injuries and therefore reduce head accidents.
- CT should be used in emergency departments in all hospitals, especially in poor countries.
- If the patient circumstance is crucial, the CT scan procedure must be taken in priority to support the possibilities of recovering the patients.
- After the diagnosis procedure, the information in the picture ought to be clarified by means of the bone and brain window. Within the case of fractures within the cranium, they ought to be further clarified through presenting them with the three-dimensional form.
- In future studies, they need to be accomplished on a bigger sample and solutions have to be determined to behave the examination with as little radiation as feasible.

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