

"Injuries Incompatible with Life" – Safe Signs of Death for Laypersons and Those Who Train Them

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ABSTRACT

There are many different types of death. At the top of the international statistics for causes of death are ischemic heart disease, tumor diseases and cerebrovascular diseases such as strokes. These diseases are often accompanied by a long medical history and close doctor-patient contact. The situation is different with deaths resulting from accidents. These often happen outside medical facilities. In these situations first aid is essential for the outcome. However, the first people to reach the patient in such situations are usually not medical professionals. For this reason, the correct training of medical laypersons is of particular interest in emergency medicine. Part of this training is also the recognition of life-threatening or fatal injuries. This article deals with such injuries and discusses the certain signs of death. This article is not primarily addressed to emergency physicians and medical professionals, but to laypersons who offer first aid and instructors who offer first aid courses and train and educate these laypersons.

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