

AN UNUSUAL CONDITION OF "OFF LABEL" THROMBOLYSIS: A CASE REPORT

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Sometimes stroke experts are challenged to presume feasibility of thrombolysis in unusual conditions. Mainly doubt for experts is a decision to thrombolyse or not a patient's with acute head trauma and local haemorrhage against recommendations. Injuries sustained in cervical near-hangings depend upon the type of strangulation cord, the location of the knot, the height of the fall, complete or incomplete suspension and duration of hanging. Carotid artery injuries occur in approximately 3% of patients, either as dissection or occlusions, which may be uni- or bilateral. The mechanism of the brain injury after near-hanging may be the result of either hypoxic encephalopathy or cerebral infarction. . Treatment options in such instances are limited due to many comorbidities and many contraindications for intravenous thrombolytic therapy that usually accompany near-hanging victims .We present a case of near-hanging victim with acute head/neck trauma and local haemorrhage where we made a decision to perform a thrombolysis against recommendations as a life threatening option, being aware of whole risk/benefit ratio.