

Posttraumatic meningitis epidemiology

Posttraumatic meningitis in head injury is uncommon, with a reported incidence ranging from 0.38-2.03% ^{1) 2) 3) 4) 5) 6) 7) 8) 9)}.

Occurs in 1-20% of patients with moderate to severe head injury ¹⁰⁾.

Most cases occur within 2 weeks of trauma, although delayed cases have been described ¹¹⁾.

75% of cases have a demonstrable basal skull fracture, and 58% have obvious CSF rhinorrhea.

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