

# MLC management in Emergency Dept.

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# Objectives

- ▶ Definition
- ▶ Management

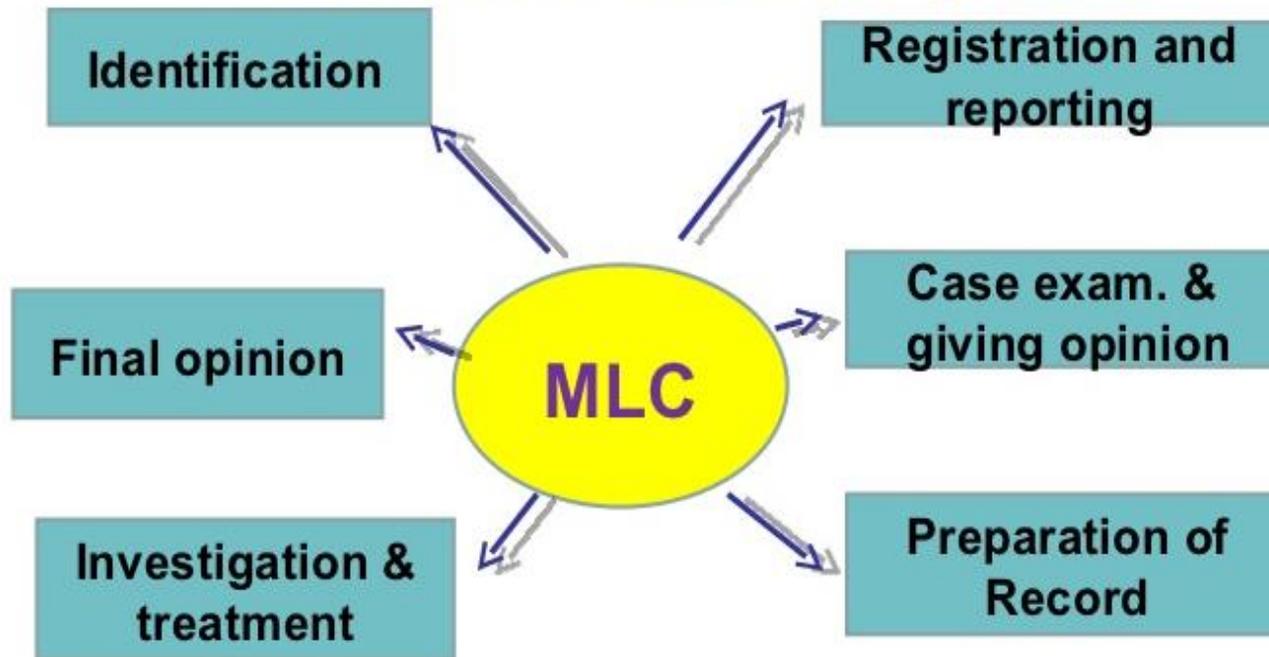


# Definition

- ▶ A case of injury/ailment in which investigations by the **law -enforcing agencies are essential to fix** the responsibility regarding the **causation of the injury or ailment**. The case has both medical and legal implications.

# MLC management

The management of a MLC may be described in following heads



# 1. Identification



## List of cases that should be considered as MLC

1. All suspected accidental, suicidal and homicidal cases

- Poisoning
- Drowning, Hanging
- Road traffic accidents
- Assault -Sharp-edged injuries, Blunt injuries
- Fire-arm injuries
- Burn injuries

2. Sexual assault /rape
3. Brought comatose, dead patients
4. When clinical findings do not correspond with history, sudden death of normal healthy person (suspected foul play)
5. Any accidental or domestic injury to female within seven years of marriage/dowry death
6. Alcohol intoxication
7. Snake, insect bite, human bite
8. Drug overdose
9. Criminal abortion
10. Mass casualty Incident (MCI)



## 2. Registering and reporting

- **CMO** decides whether the case is MLC (both OP and IP)
- Even delayed reporting to hospital can be considered and registered as MLC by the CMO
- In assault or trauma cases, the **left thumb impression** of the patient along with **two marks of identification** is mandatory to identify the patient - whether conscious or unconscious.

- Enter in MLC register and MLC form is filled, inform the relevant police station about the MLC within 24hrs.
- The Police should be informed only through the security. There should be no individual communication to the Police.
- Medical legal record room/police room available in hospital/medical college campus

## MLC form with number

- Ideally 3 copies to be available
  - 1 to be submitted to police station.
  - 1 to be submitted to patient.
  - 1 to be kept with hospital for keeping in patient record.
- Fill form in capital letters

# MLC form

▶ <https://mohfw.gov.in>



## 3 & 5. Case examination, investigations & treatment

# Case examination, investigations and treatment

- Patient is examined with an **assistant (Female patient)**
- The **name of person who gives the history** has to be mentioned in the MLC report
- In every MLC, detailed record of history, examination including general condition, **level of consciousness**, vital parameters and report of investigations should be mentioned.
- **First aid** instituted immediately
- **Treatment** given even before documentation
- Evaluation is done periodically and **time is documented**.
- Specialist consultation if required can be referred
- While **transferring patients special care** for MLC cases by duty nurse



## 4&6. Report and Final opinion

## MLC report

- ▶ detailed report of injury with the site, nature, type and dimension of injury noted in the report.

## Discharge summary

- ▶ Should contain the history of events, the name of the person who is giving the history, detailed report of injury with the site, nature, type and dimension of injury noted. The examination findings, treatment plan , condition of patient at the time of discharge. The signature of patient and relative in the discharge summary. Follow up plan, when and whom to contact in case of emergency.

- ▶ The MLC form copy

The above are handed over irrespective of outpatient or inpatient services provided by the hospital

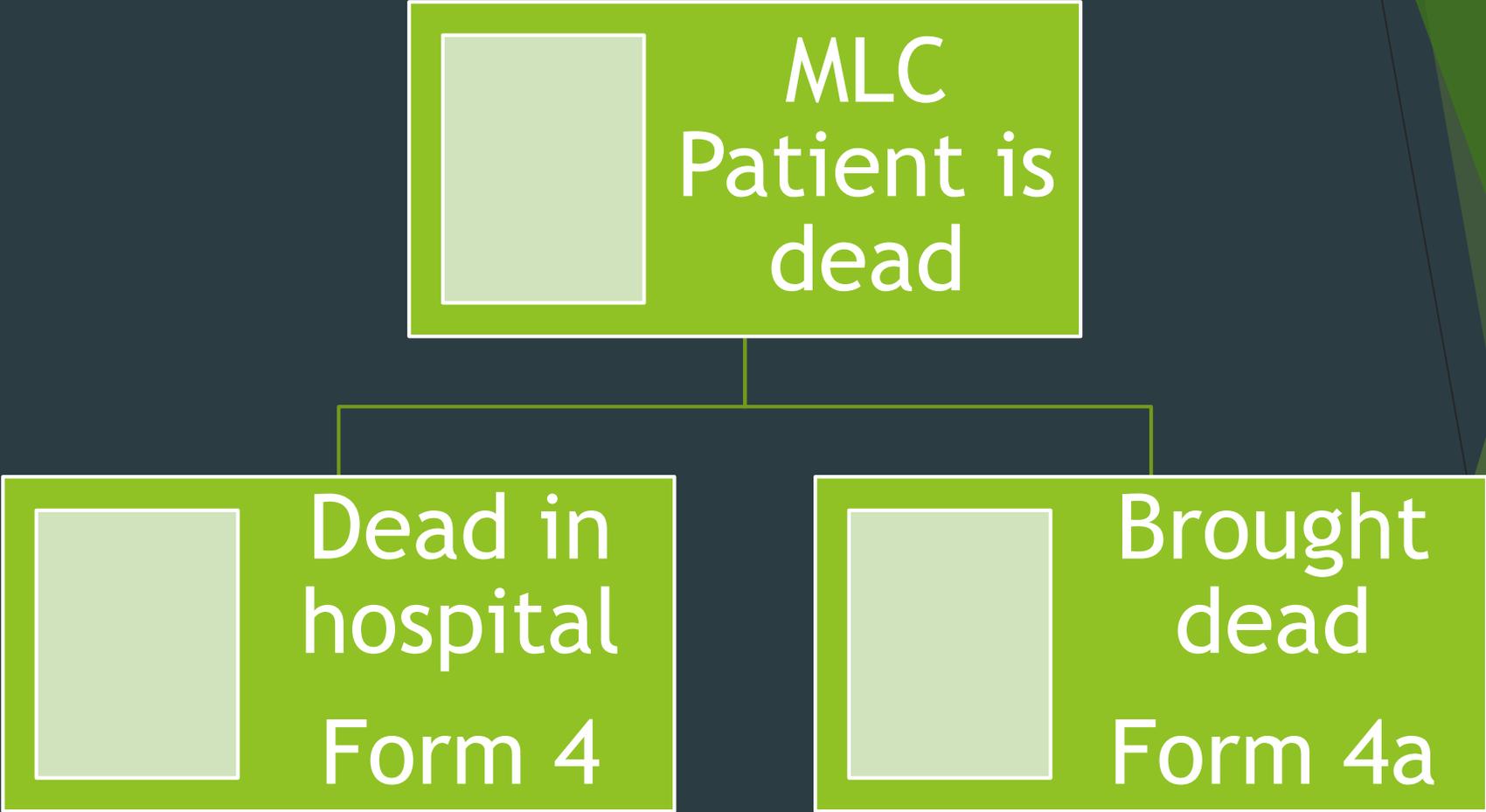
The MLC form and medical report is preserved in MRD department

## ➤ MLC retention policy of records

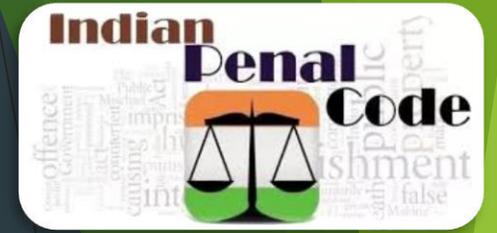
- ▶ According Medical Council of India retention policy.
- ▶ Minimum 10 years from commencement of treatment or else till case is closed.

## In case of death of MLC patient

- ▶ Death in hospital - form 4  
<https://www.jk.gov.in>
- ▶ Non institutional death - Form 4 a  
[des.kar.nic.in](https://des.kar.nic.in)



# Failures of CMO -punishable under IPC 201



- ▶ If he fails too preserve the MLC/AR number
- ▶ If necessary samples for forensic lab examination are not sent
- ▶ CMO releases a dead body of pt. in a criminal case without inquest or postmortem
  
- ▶ Imprisonment 7 years and fine

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Thank you

