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**OROFACIAL TRAUMA AND THE ROLE OF THE  
FORENSIC ODONTOLOGIST**

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*Facial injuries are commonly seen in fatalities resulting from personal assault. It is essential that there is liaison between the case Forensic Pathologist and the Forensic Odontologist in recording these injuries. An extra and intra oral examination by the Odontologist combined with discussions with the Pathologist enables a more detailed comprehensive report being provided to the justice system.*

*Significantly an intra-oral odontology examination may eliminate suspicious allegations that personal assault had occurred prior to or at the time of death.*

*A study conducted in Perth, Western Australia into the relationship between soft and hard tissue injuries will be presented and discussed.*

*A draft proforma to be used when undertaking an Odontology examination of facial trauma will be presented and guidelines for providing a report will be discussed.*

**KEYWORDS:** Forensic Odontology, Identification, Facial injuries.

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