Accidental carbon monoxide poisoning death produced by burning charcoal, during Yagya ritual of a puja performed to bear children: A case report

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Abstract:

A 20-year-old female and a 45 yrs old male (Tantrik) were found dead in early morning inside a closed room. The room was locked from inside. Both the deceased were lying on the bed with froth and vomitus stain present over mouth, nose and face. The cause of death, established by autopsy, was carbon monoxide poisoning in both victims. The source of carbon monoxide was the burning charcoal during yagya ritual of a puja. The Yagya was performed by a Tantrik for bearing children, as the female was allegedly infertile.

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