**Definition: Perimortem**

Perimortem: at or near the time of death; in perimortem injuries, bone damage occurring at or near the time of death, without any evidence of healing.

Antemortem: before death; bone damage in antemortem injuries shows evidence of healing.

Postmortem: after death; in postmortem injuries, bone damage occurring at or near the time of death, without any evidence of healing

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