

5. Clonic type of convulsions are the most characteristic feature.

Stage of Exhaustion: (1) This is the final stage when the respiratory centre is paralysed. The muscles of respiration become flaccid. The respiratory rate is very low and the respiration is deep, slow and sighing type.

(2) Pupils become dilated.

(3) Pulse becomes weak and irregular. Gradually the heart stops beating also.

The total duration of time for all the three stages is on an average about four-five minutes.

Post-Mortem Examination

External: (1) Post-mortem Lividity marked because of the excess of carbon dioxide in the blood.

(2) Face is cyanosed.

(3) Tongue is protruded.

(4) Froth may be at the mouth.

(5) Since the sphincters are relaxed there may be escape of faeces, urine or seminal fluid.

(6) Pupils may be dilated.

(7) **Tardieu's Spots:** These are petechial haemorrhages seen under the skin all over the body or conjunctiva.

Internal: (1) The mucosa of the respiratory tract may be inflamed and congested.

(2) The right side circulation is full whereas the left side circulation is empty.

(3) The lungs are congested and edematous.

(4) Petechial haemorrhage may be seen under the mucous membranes of the various organs.