



Title: Hop Skip and a Thump – Kangaroo related trauma

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Abstract:

Although hospital presentations from kangaroo-related injuries commonly stem from motor vehicle collisions, a lesser-known subset involves assaults by kangaroos. In an Australian study over 10 years, only 40 attacks on humans were reported ¹. The rate of human injury from kangaroos has speculatively increased, attributed to changes in its natural habitat from fires and urbanisation ². We present the case of a 75-year-old gentleman who sustained multiple injuries, including a scrotal tear and hemopneumothorax, from a kangaroo-related assault. This case highlights the diverse nature of kangaroo-related injuries and underscores the need for public safety campaigns and comprehensive

reporting mechanisms to capture injury rates from incidents involving kangaroos, especially in the setting of climate change-altering environments and increasing human-wildlife contact.

Biography:

Dr Chloe Price is an Indigenous Australian hailing from various regions across Western Australia. After completing medical school at the University of Notre Dame Fremantle, she developed a passion for General Surgery. She now resides in Bunbury, where she continues to pursue her surgical career amidst the unique challenge of avoiding kangaroo encounters in the Australian outback.