ecchymosis, n.

Pronunciation: /ɛkɪˈməʊsɪs/

Frequency (in current use):

Etymology: modern Latin, < Greek ἐκχύμωσις, < ἐκχυμοῦσθαι to extravasate blood, < ἐκ out + ... 

Pathol.

‘A blotch caused by extravasation of blood below the skin’ (New Sydenham Soc. Lexicon).

?1541  R. Copland Galen’s Fourth Bk. Terapeutyke sig. Hiij, in Guy de Chauliac’s Questyonary Cyurgyens
All acchymosis or ecchymonia indycateth vacuacyon for remedy of y° cure.

1639  J. Woodall Treat. Gangrena in Surgeons Mate (rev. ed.) 385  Blood is forced into the Muskles confusedly, as by the Echymosis may appeare.

1739  J. Sparrow tr. H. F. Le Dran Observ. Surg. l. 175  I found the arm exceedingly swelled... The Tumour was hard, much distended, and very black, by an Ecchymosis that extended from one End to the other.

1881  A. Flint Treat. Princ. Med. (ed. 5) 27  When the hemorrhages are minute, they are called punctate or ecchymoses.