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ecchymosis [ek"ĩ-mo'sis] (pl. *ecchymo'ses*) (Gr.)

a hemorrhagic spot, larger than a petechia, in the skin or mucous membrane, forming a flat, rounded or irregular, blue or purplish patch. (See Atlas 2, Part R.) *adj.*, *adj ecchymot'ic*.

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ec·chy·mo·sis (ek'i-mō'sis),

A purplish patch caused by extravasation of blood into the skin, differing from petechiae only in size (that is, larger than 3 mm diameter).

[G. *ekchymōsis*, ecchymosis, fr. *ek*, out, + *chymos*, juice]

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n.

The passage of blood from ruptured blood vessels into subcutaneous tissue, marked by a purple discoloration of the skin.

ec'chy·mot'ic (-mōt'ĩk) *adj.*

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ecchymosis Internal bruising or bleeding

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ecchymosis (ěk-ĩ-mō'sīs) *plural. ecchymoses* [" + " + **osis**, condition]

Superficial bleeding under the skin or a mucous membrane; a bruise.

See: *illustration*

ecchymotic (-mōt'ik), *adjective*

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ecchymosis Bleeding (haemorrhage) or bruising in the skin or a mucous membrane, in the form of small, round spots or purplish discoloration.

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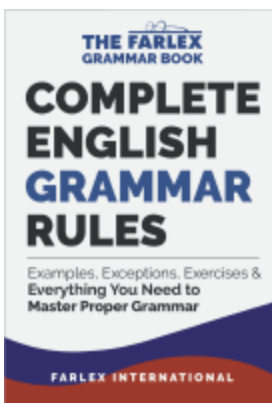
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