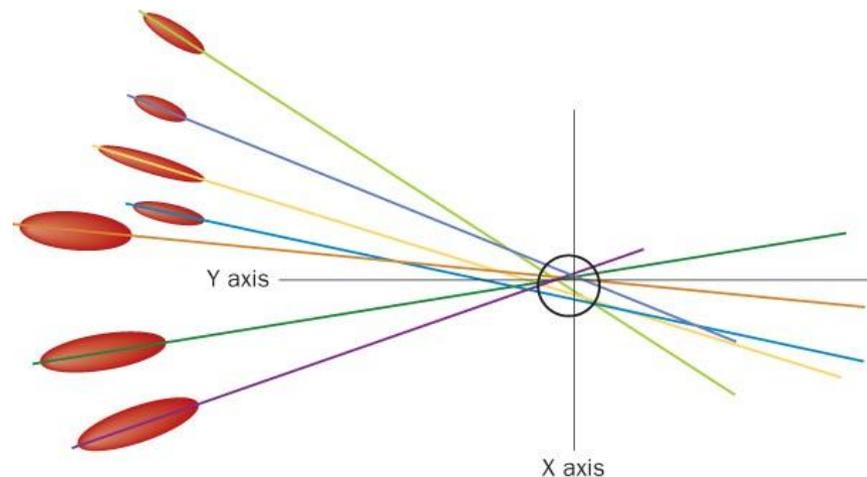
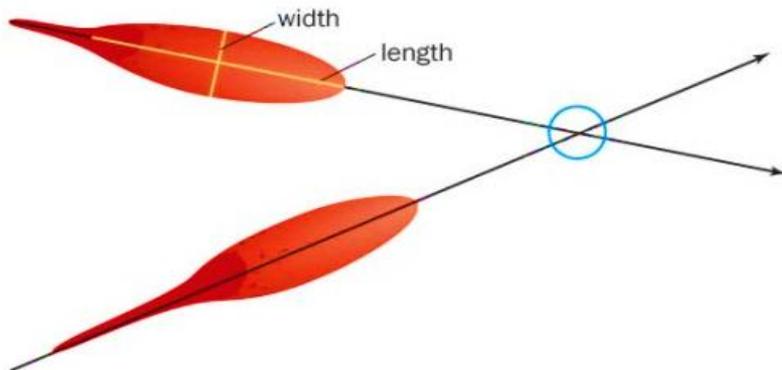


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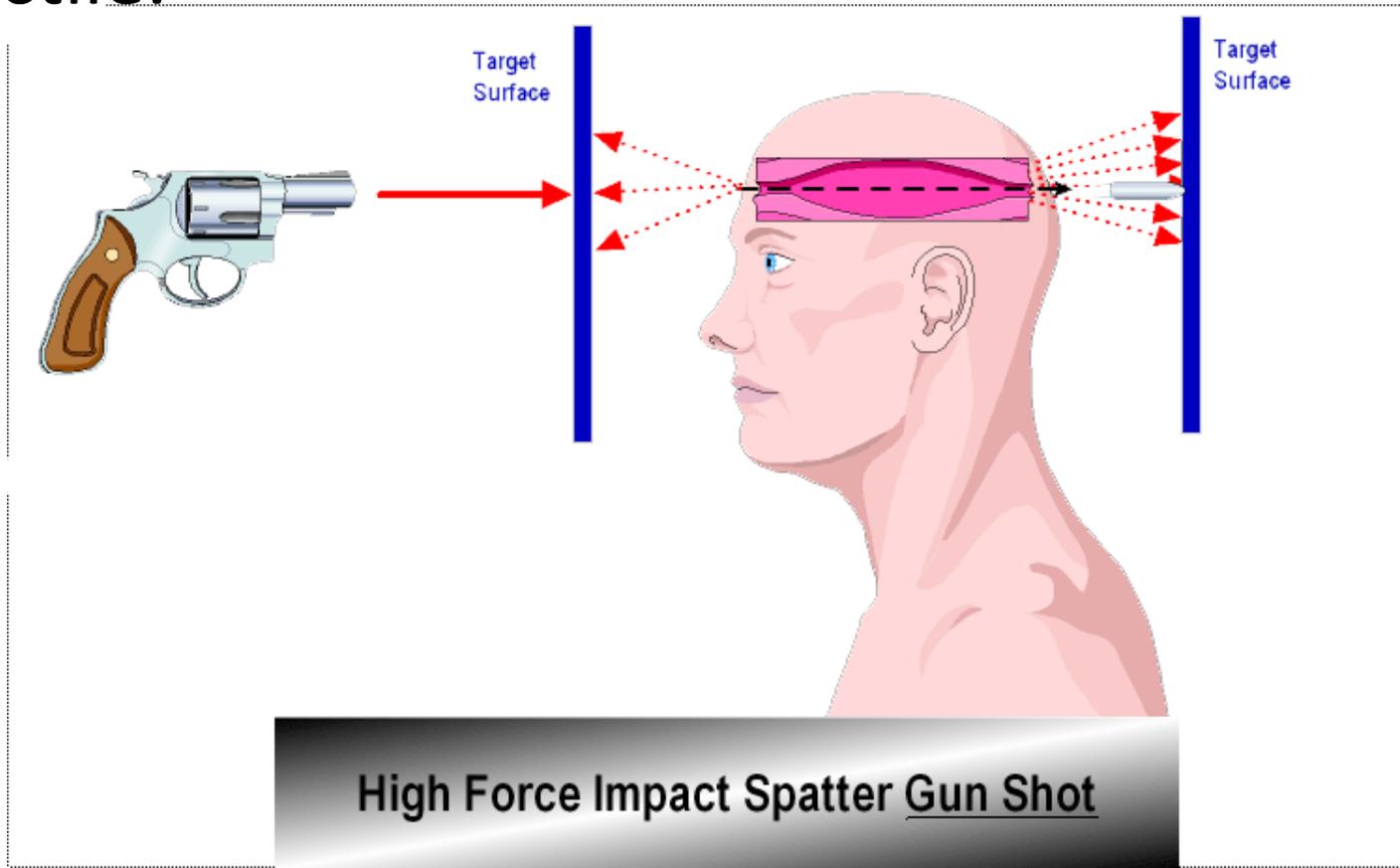
**Area of Convergence** - The area containing the intersections generated by lines drawn through the long axes of individual stains that indicates in two dimensions the location of the blood source.

**Area of Origin** - The three-dimensional location from which spatter originated. Includes height

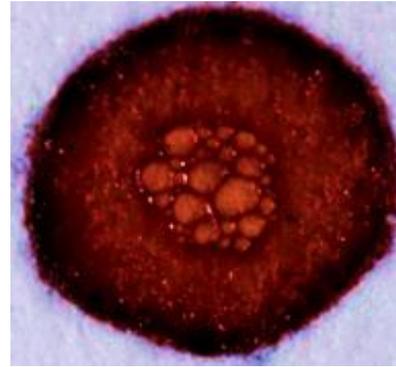


## **Backspatter Pattern** - A bloodstain pattern

resulting from blood drops that traveled in the opposite direction of the external force applied; associated with an entrance wound created by a projectile.



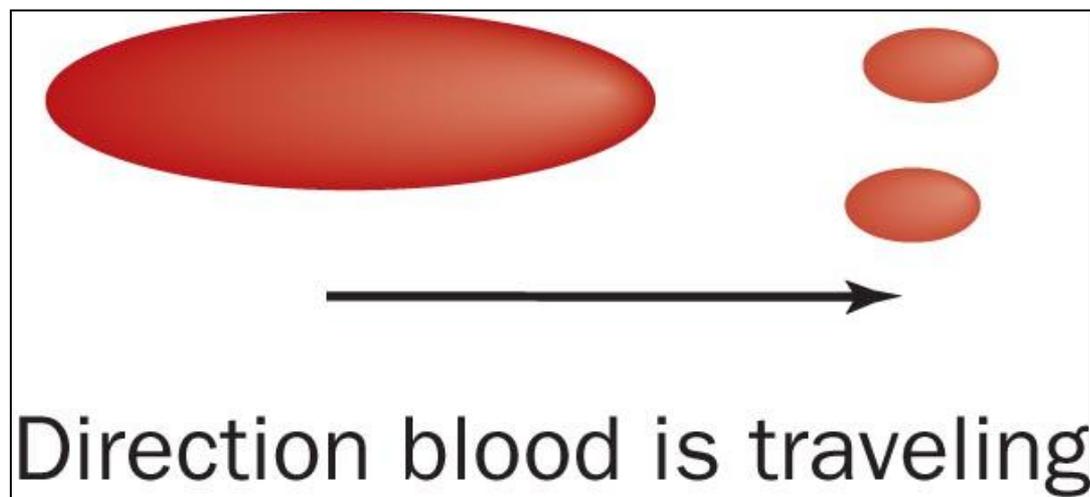
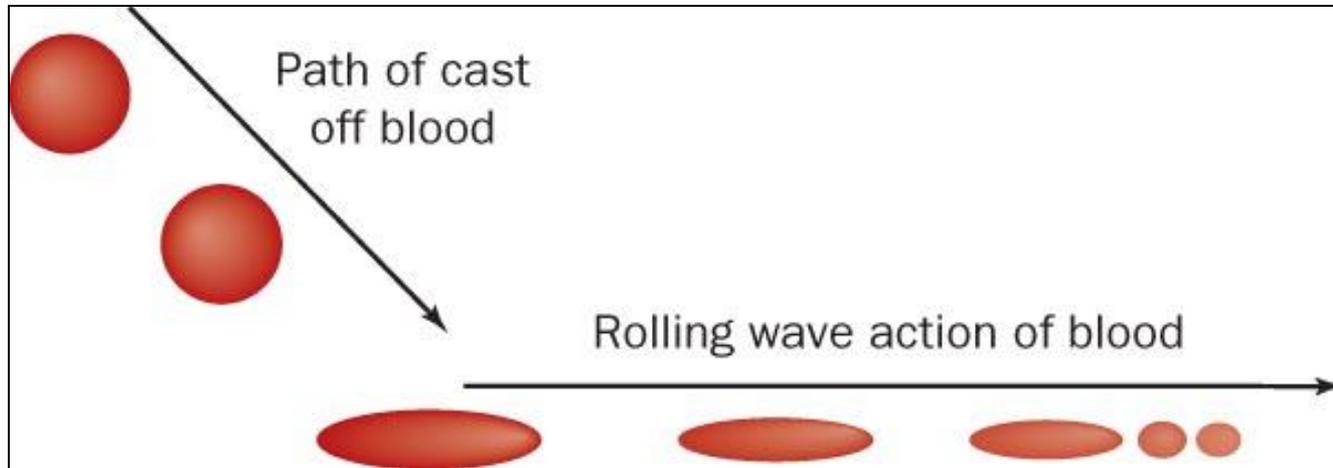
**Bubble Ring** - An outline within a **bloodstain** resulting from air in the blood.



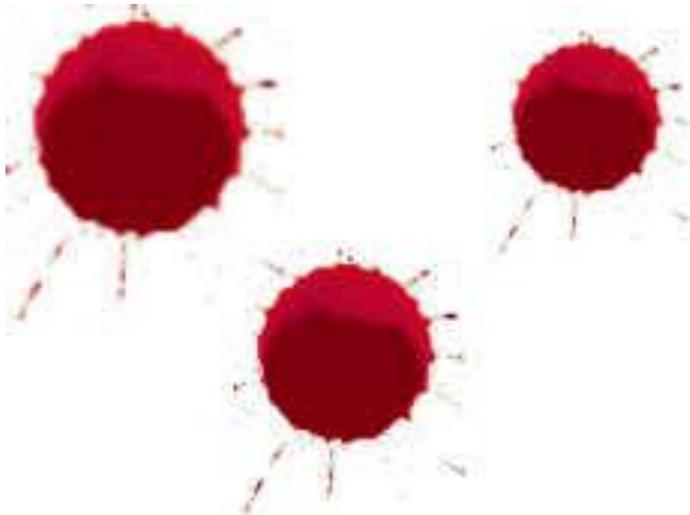
**Cast-off Pattern** - A **bloodstain pattern** resulting from blood drops released from an object due to its motion.



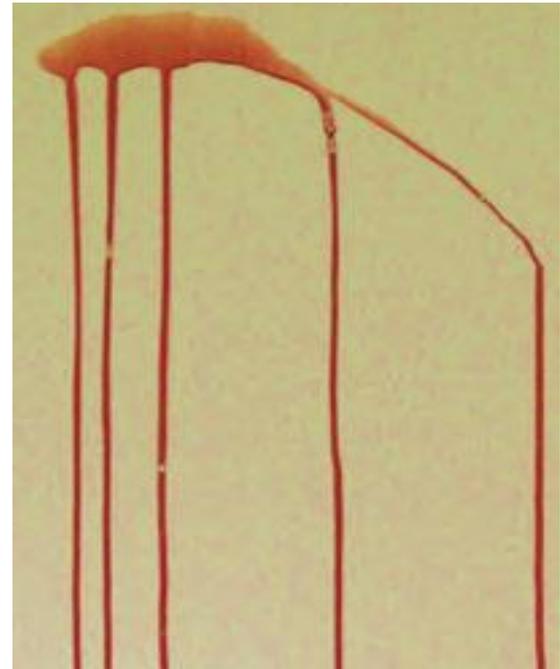
**Directionality** - The characteristic of a **bloodstain** that indicates the direction blood was moving at the time of deposition.



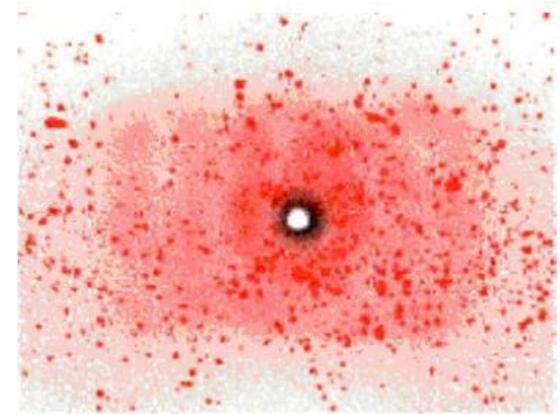
- **Drip Pattern** - A **bloodstain pattern** resulting from a liquid that dripped into another liquid, at least one of which was blood.
- **Drip Stain** - A **bloodstain** resulting from a falling drop that formed due to gravity.
- **Drip Trail** - A **bloodstain pattern** resulting from the movement of a source of **drip stains** between two points.



- **Flow Pattern** - A **bloodstain pattern** resulting from the movement of a volume of blood on a surface due to gravity or movement of the **target**.



- **Mist Pattern** - A **bloodstain pattern** resulting from blood reduced to a spray of micro-drops as a result of the force applied



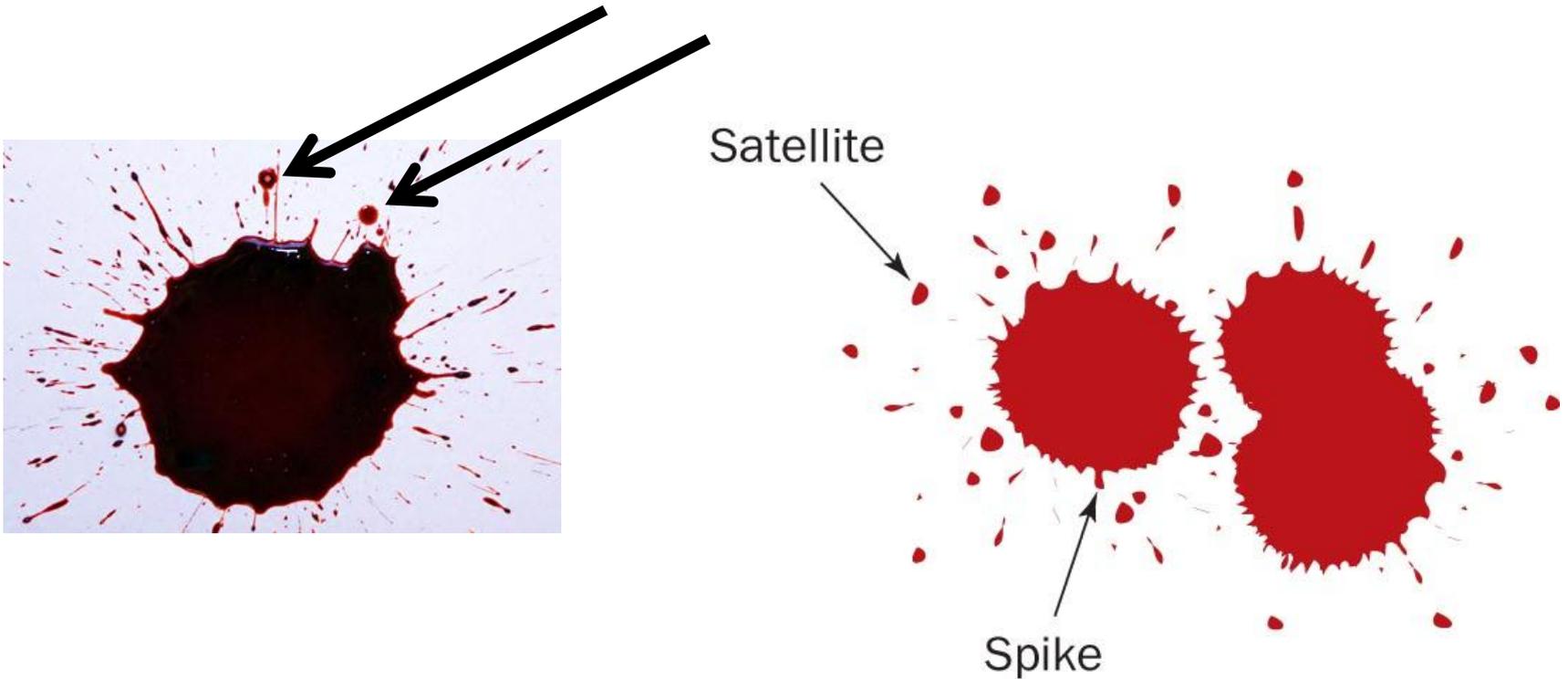
**Parent Stain** - A **bloodstain** from which a **satellite stain** originated.



**Pool** - A **bloodstain** resulting from an accumulation of liquid blood on a surface.



**Satellite Stain** - A smaller **bloodstain** that originated during the formation of the **parent stain** as a result of blood impacting a surface.



- **Target** - A surface onto which blood has been deposited.
- **Transfer Stain** - A **bloodstain** resulting from contact between a blood-bearing surface and another surface.
- **Void** - An absence of blood in an otherwise continuous **bloodstain** or **bloodstain pattern**.

