



HEP B 4 PUTRIFIED LIVER

GROSS

- Specimen showing putrified specimen of liver of only half size of liver with only right lobe predominant
- Liver softens and becomes **flabby** in 12–24 h, and blisters appear on its surface in 24–36 h.
- assumes a '**honey comb**' ('foamy' or '**Swiss cheese**') appearance due to formation of air bubbles.
- becomes greenish in color, and later changes to **coal-black**.

SALIENT FEATURES

Medico-legal Importance of Putrefaction

i. It is the **surest sign of death**.

ii In **advanced** putrefaction, **no opinion** can be given as to the cause of death, except in case of poisoning, fractures and firearm injuries.