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Answer b) is correct: Impact spatter is the result of the application of a force to wet blood. The droplets of blood which then leave the point of impact have a characteristic appearance when they fall onto a receiving surface. The appearance is typically a distribution of sizes of blood spatter, with minute droplets being generated with a high velocity impact, and larger droplets being formed with a medium or low velocity impact. Here, the term “velocity” relates to the “speed” at which an object makes contact with the source of wet blood (a wound), and not the velocity at which the blood spatter leaves the impacted surface.