



# Abdominal vascular trauma

## What every emergency surgeon should know

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# Abdominal vascular trauma

- Diagnosis
- Surgical indication
- Aortic occlusion
- Operative decisions
  - Transient control
  - Damage control
  - Specific approach
  - Definitive management



# Initial Information

## Community Hospital

- Male, 23 years old
- M – Multiple GSW wounds, 1 hour ago
- I – GSW wounds: Neck, right zone III, left shoulder, left thoracoabdominal region
- S – Abdominal pain
- T – Started IV fluids and analgesics. Transference

# Initial Information

## Trauma Bay

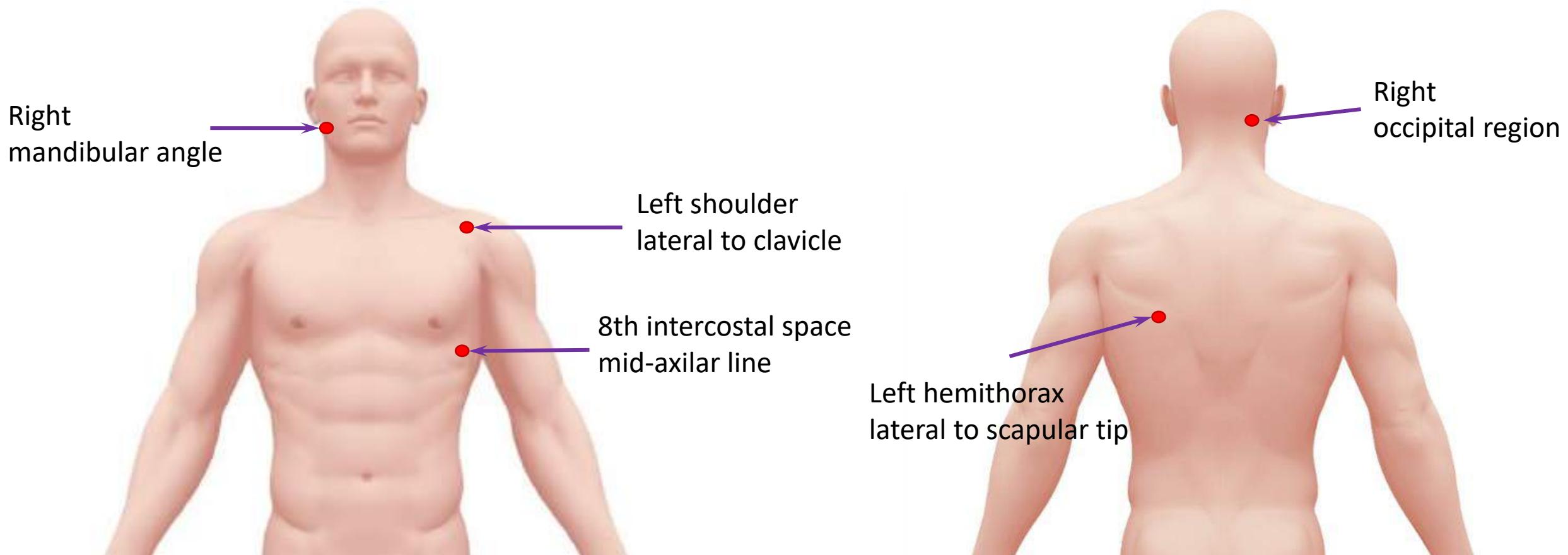
### Primary Survey

- A, Clear
- B, Without alterations. RR 18
- C - HR: 97 BP: 101/76 . FASTE (+) left hemithorax and abdomen
- D – Glasgow 15
- E – Gunshot wounds Neck, right zone III, left shoulder, left thoracoabdominal region

### Secondary Survey

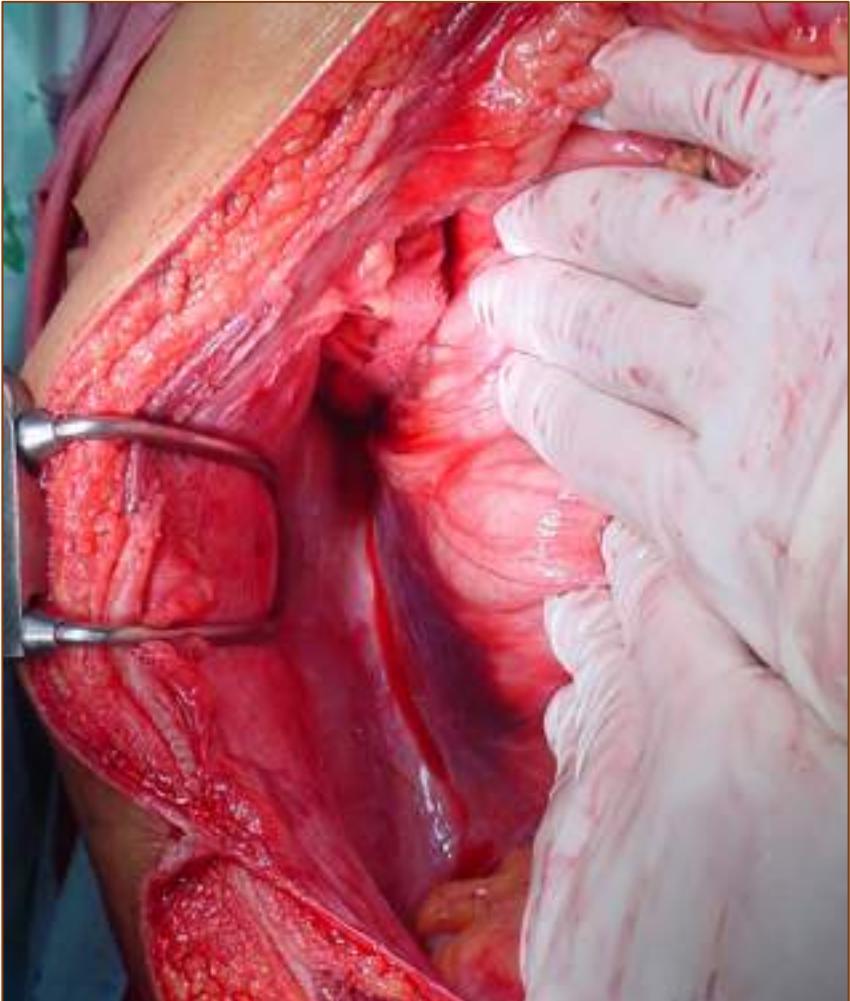
- Gunshot wounds (graphic)
- No neck or neurologic findings
- Acute abdomen

# Wounds location





# Operative findings

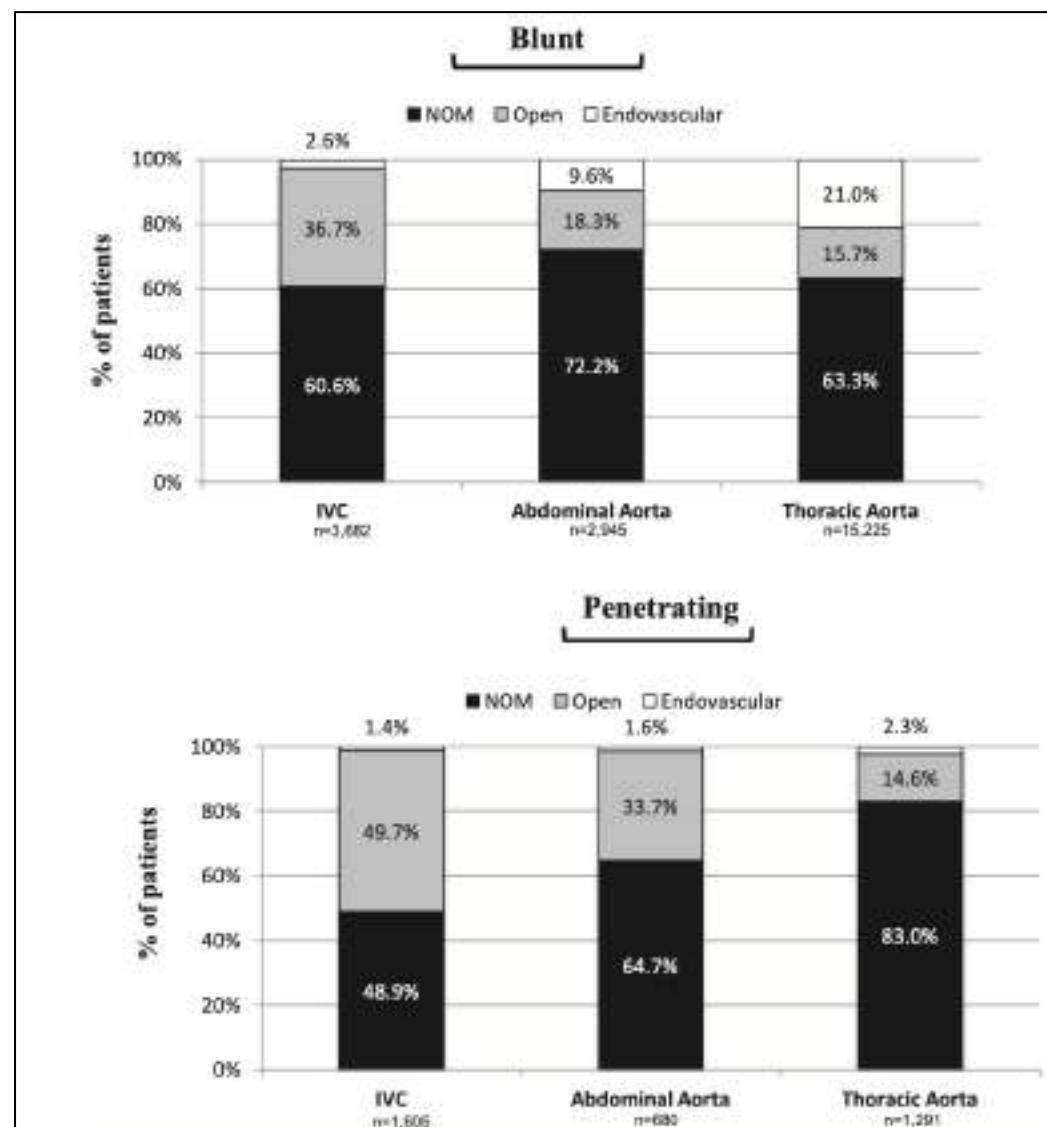


- Hemoperitoneum 1 L
- Retroperitoneal hematoma
  - Level 1 and 2
  - Not expanding
  - Not active bleeding
- Gallblader perforation
- Nonbleeding liver wound (IV segment)

# Diagnosis

## Survival trends after inferior vena cava and aortic injuries in the United States

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# Diagnosis

- Exsanguination 15% – 30%
- Shock 60% – 70%
- Acute abdomen 30% – 40%
- Multiple penetrating injuries
- High energy trauma



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# Surgical technique

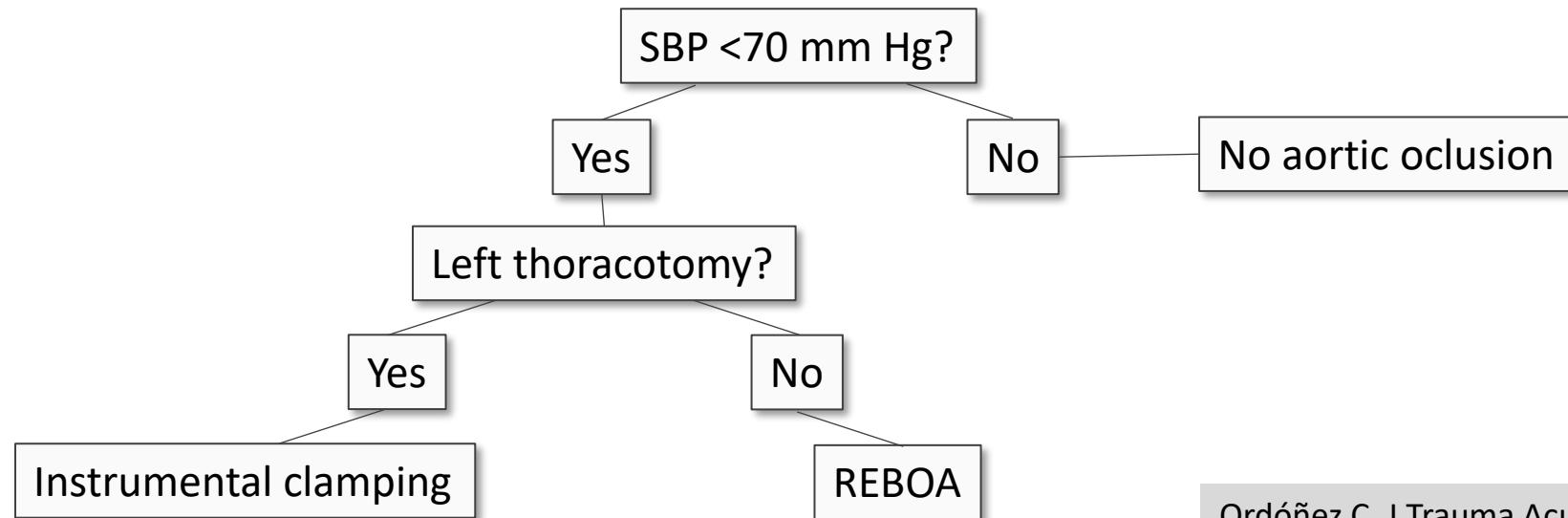
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- Temporary control
- Proximal and distal control
- Repair

# Step 0 Surgical Decision

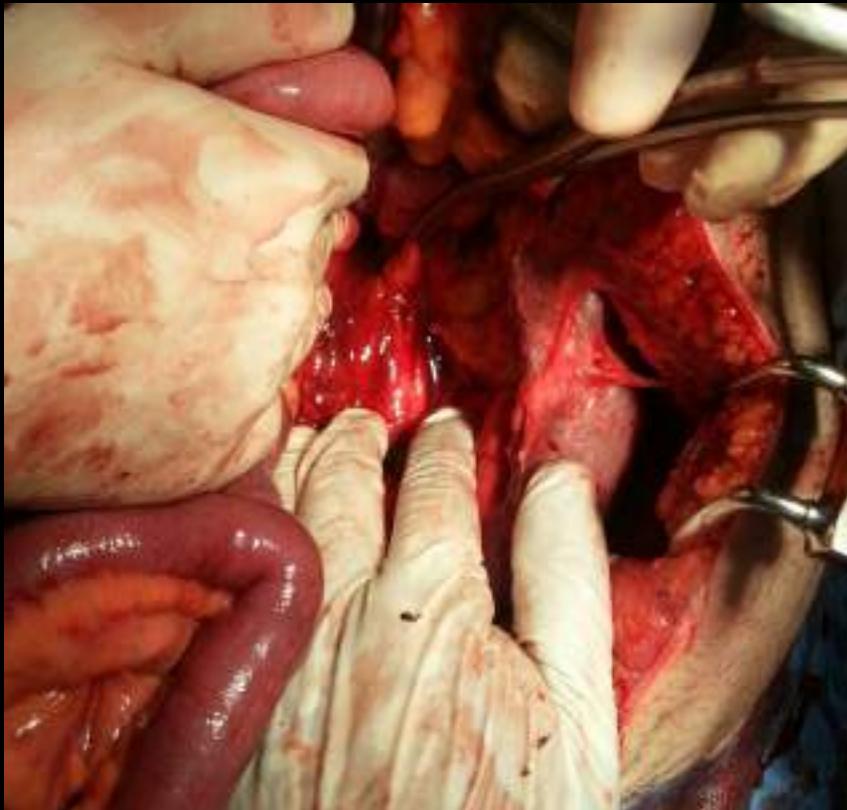
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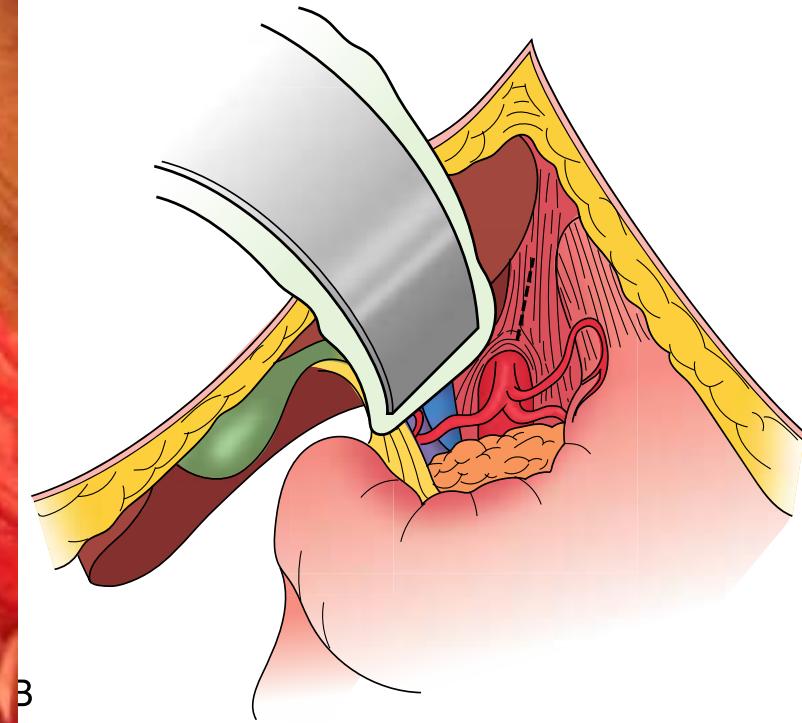
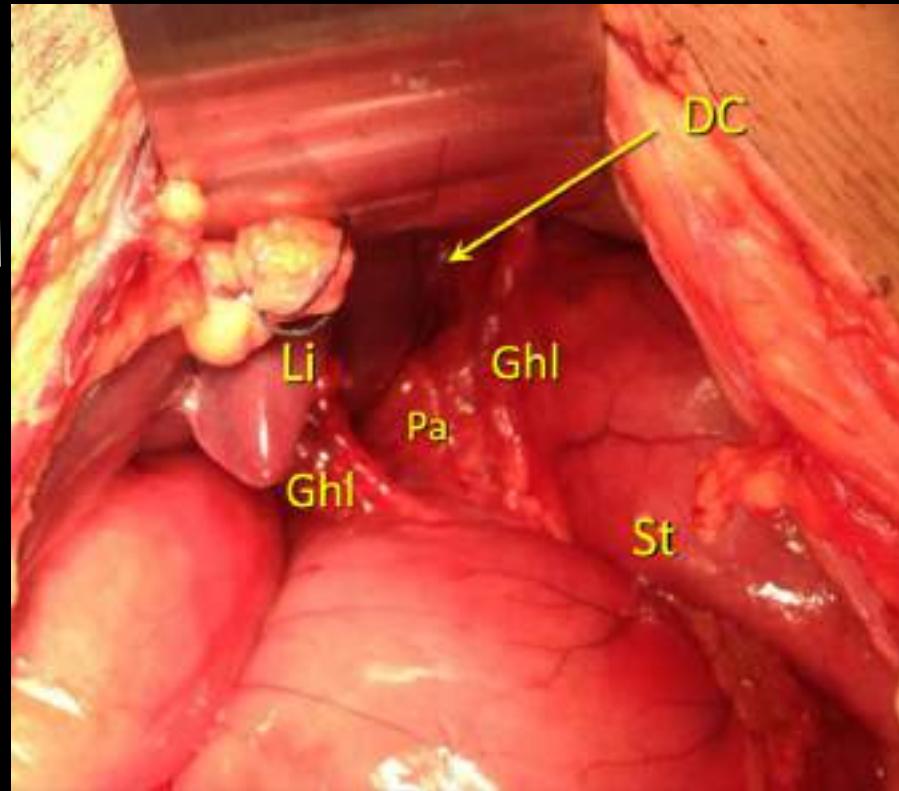
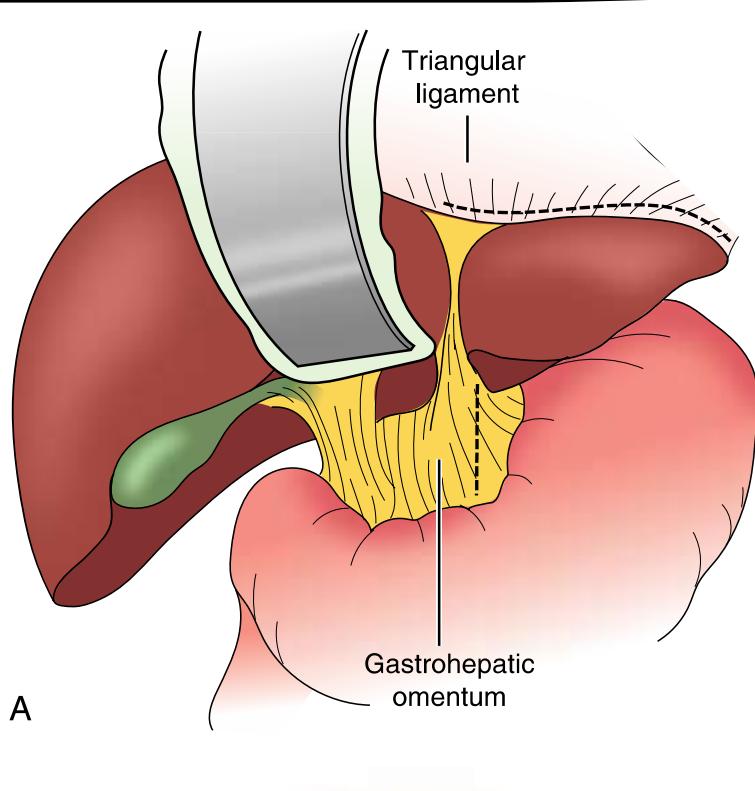
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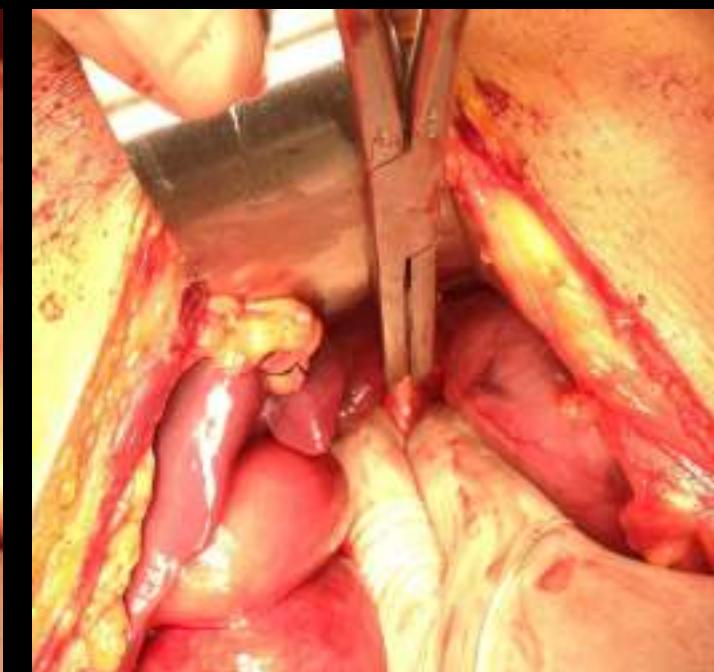
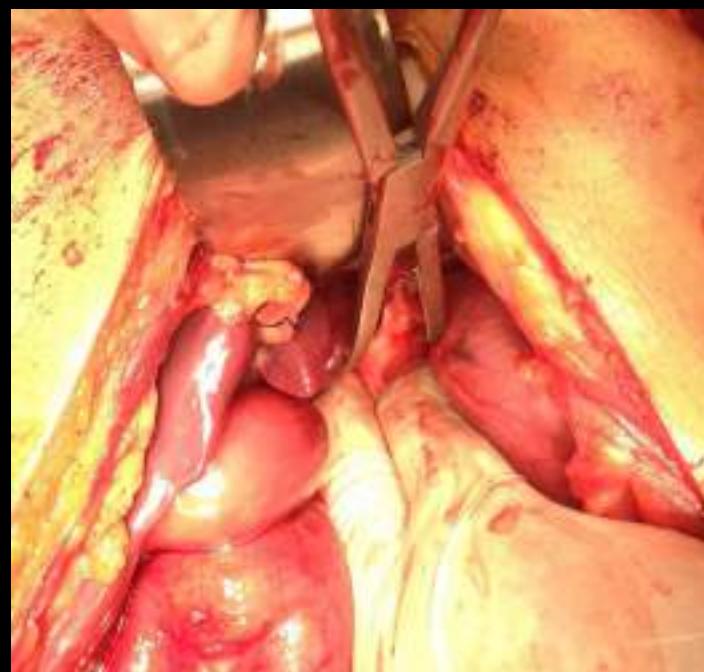
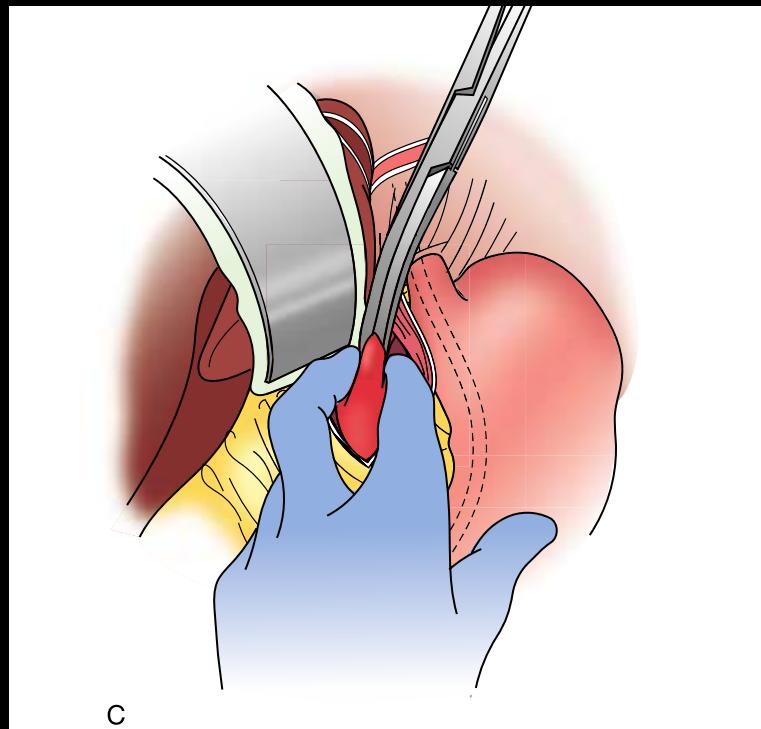
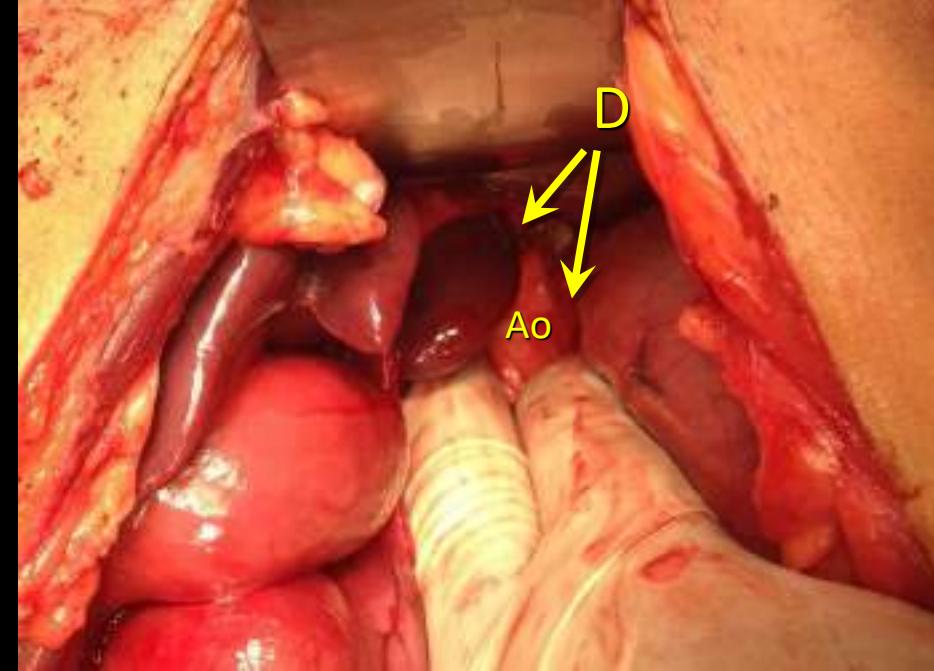
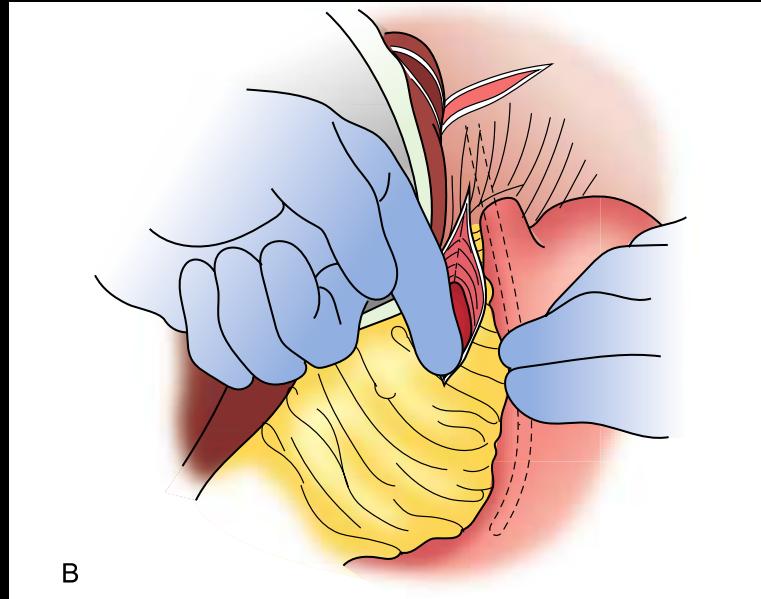
Aortic Occlusion Indication?



# Aortic occlusion

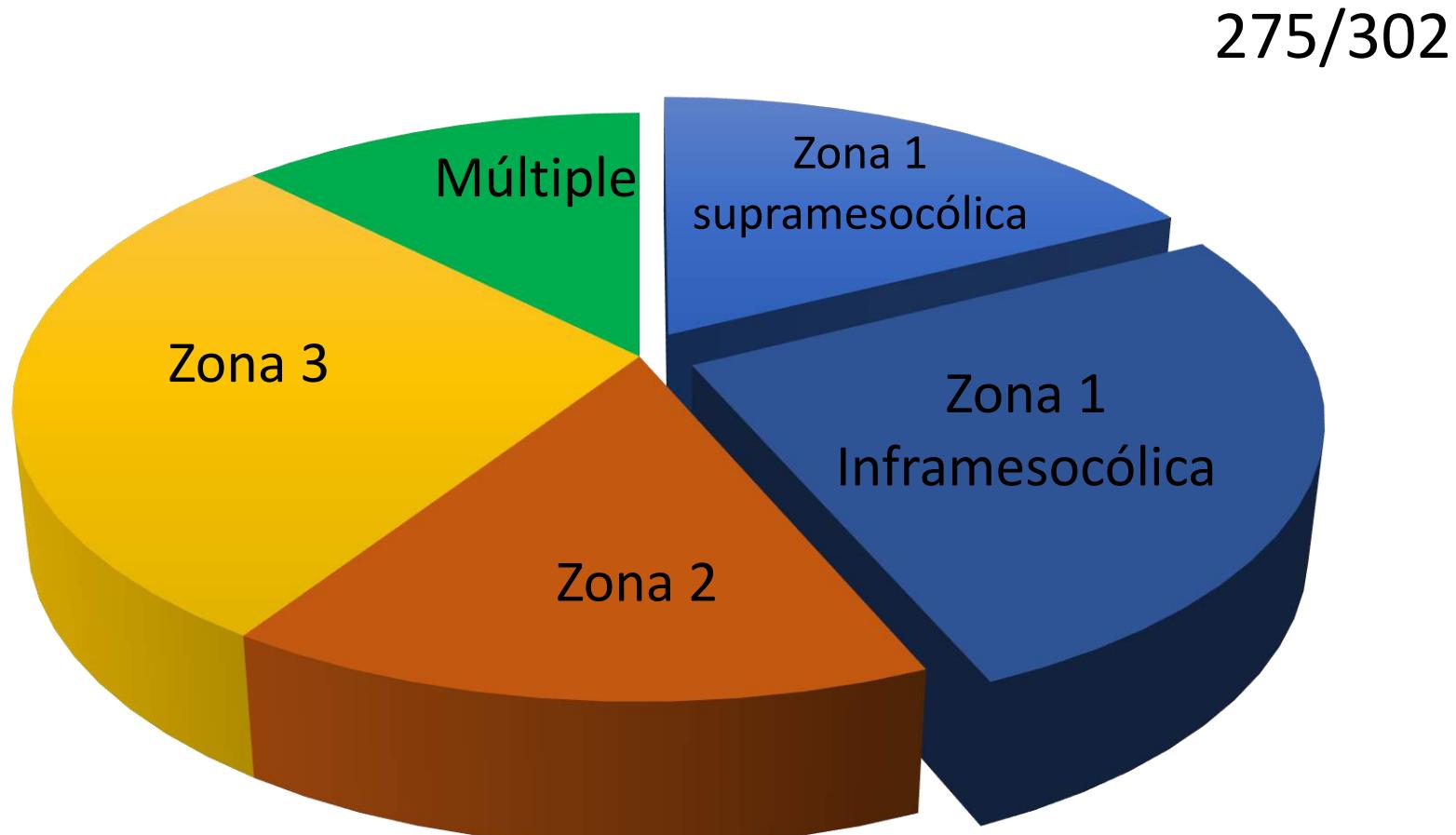




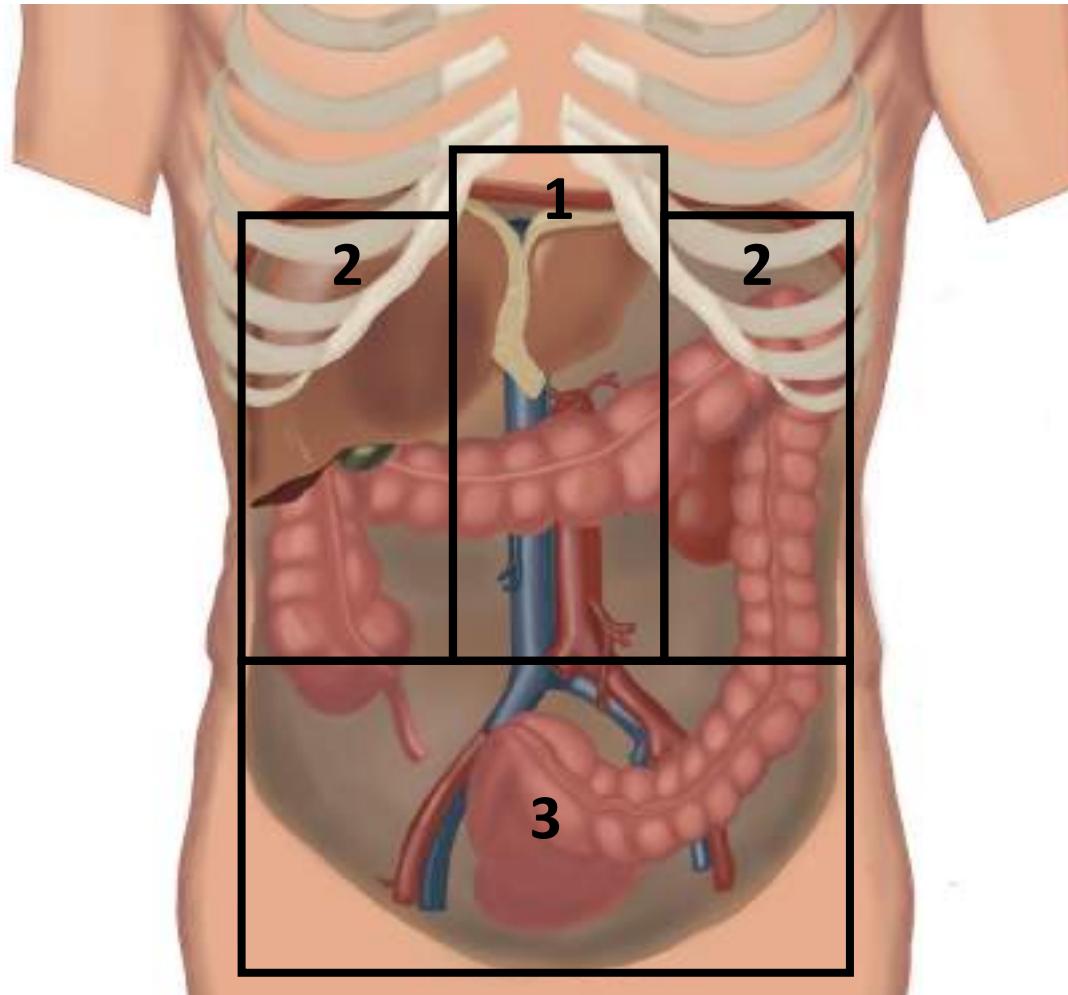


# Operative Management and Outcome of 302 Abdominal Vascular Injuries

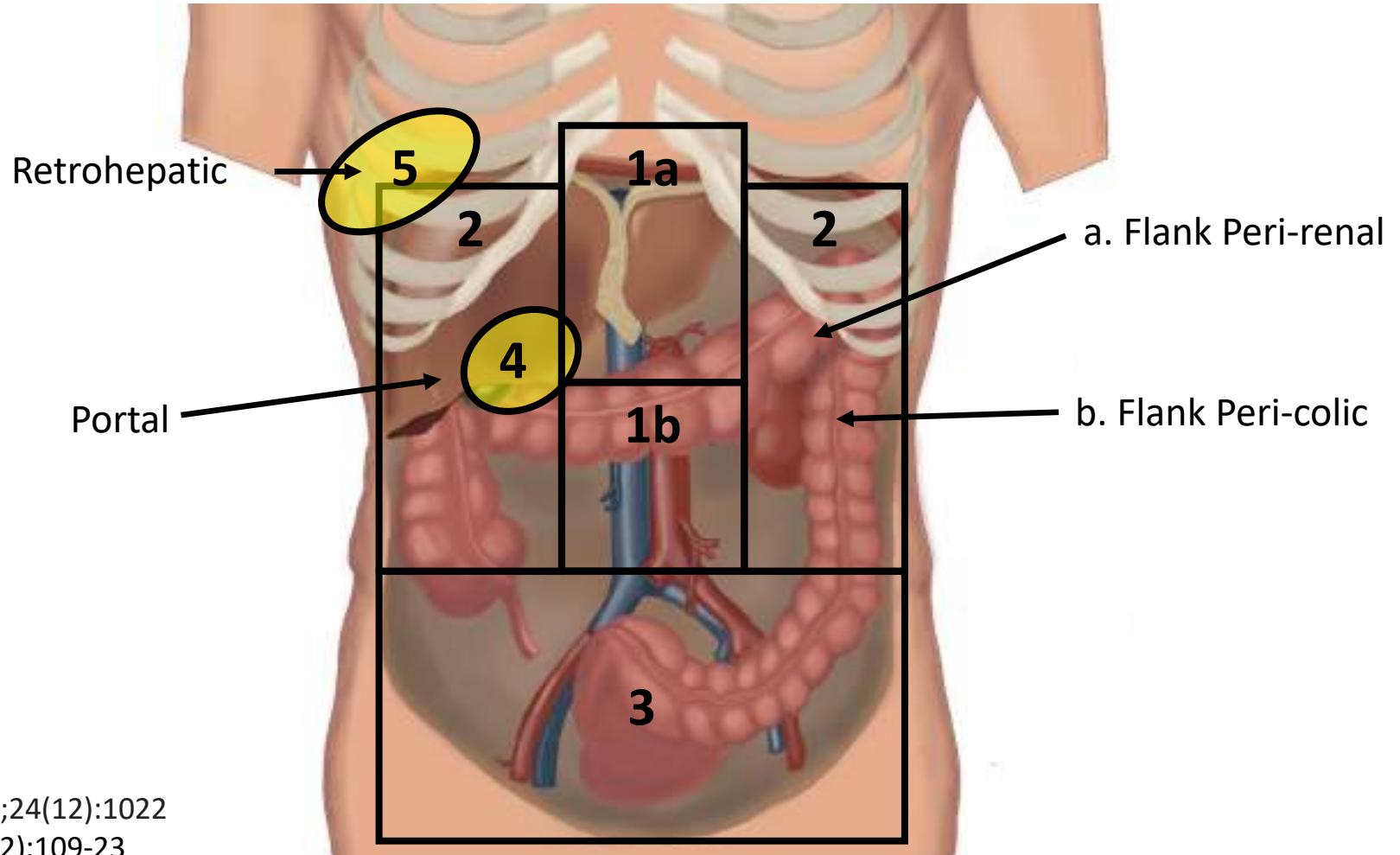
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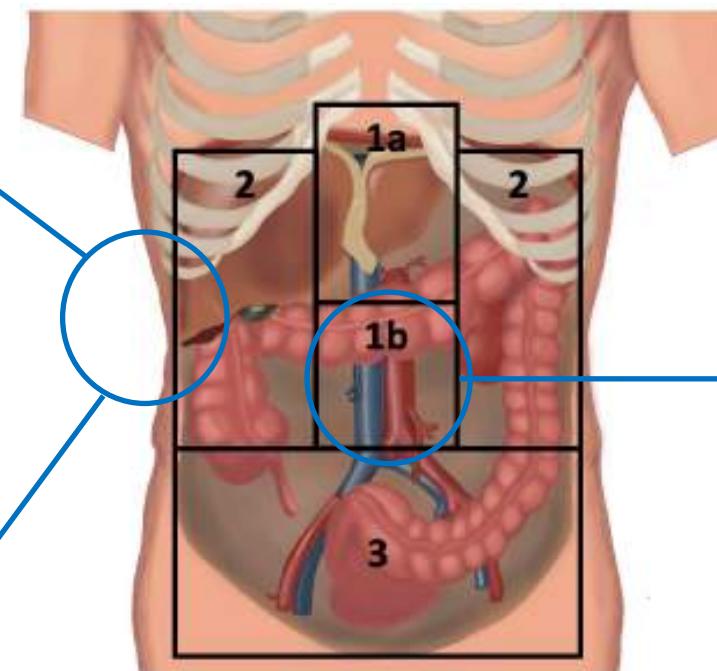
# Intraoperative diagnosis

Zone 2a Flank, peri-renal

Kidney  
Supra-renal GI.  
Distal renal vessels

Zone 2b Flank, peri-colic

Infra-hepatic vena cava  
Yuxta-renal vena cava  
Infra-renal vena cava

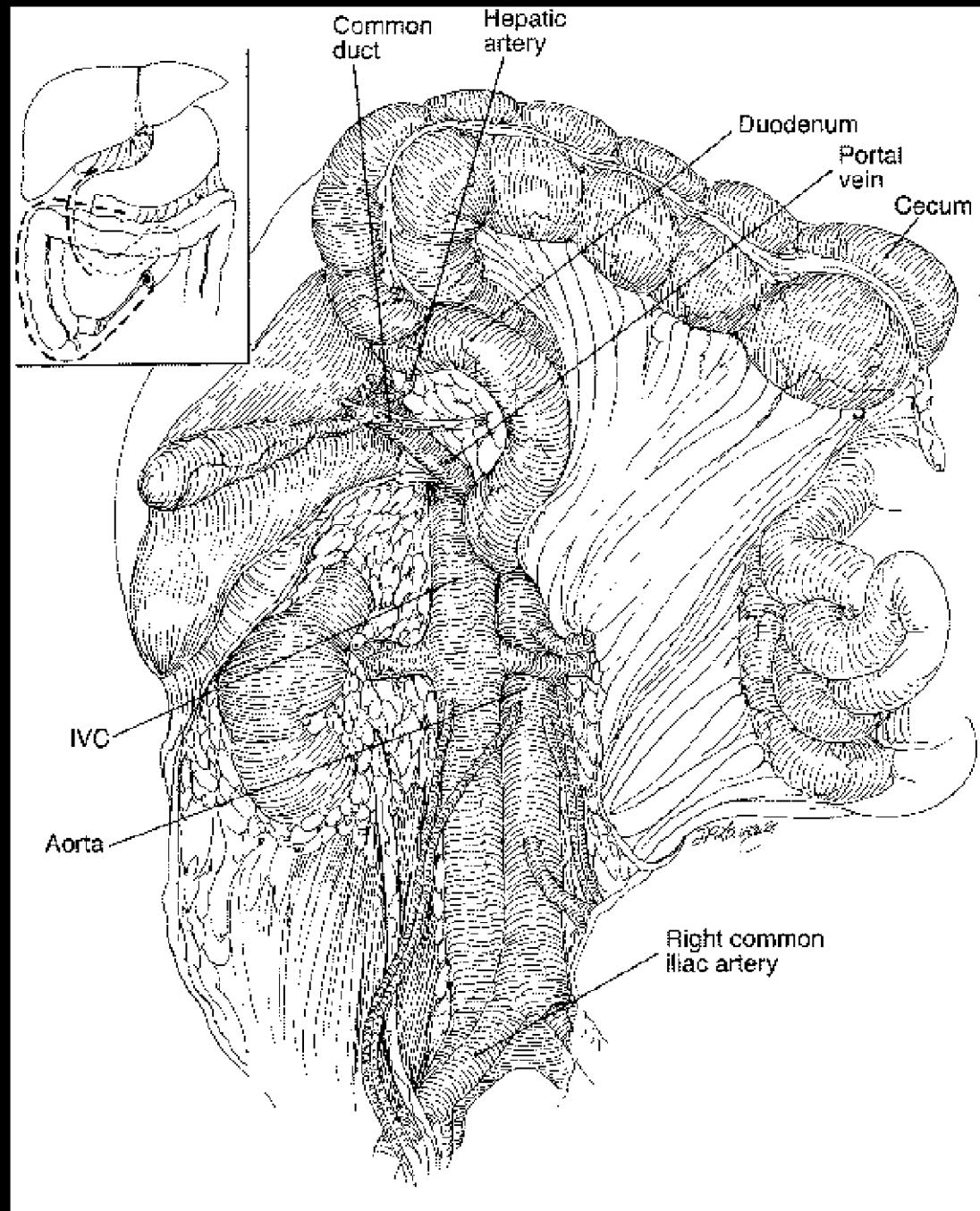


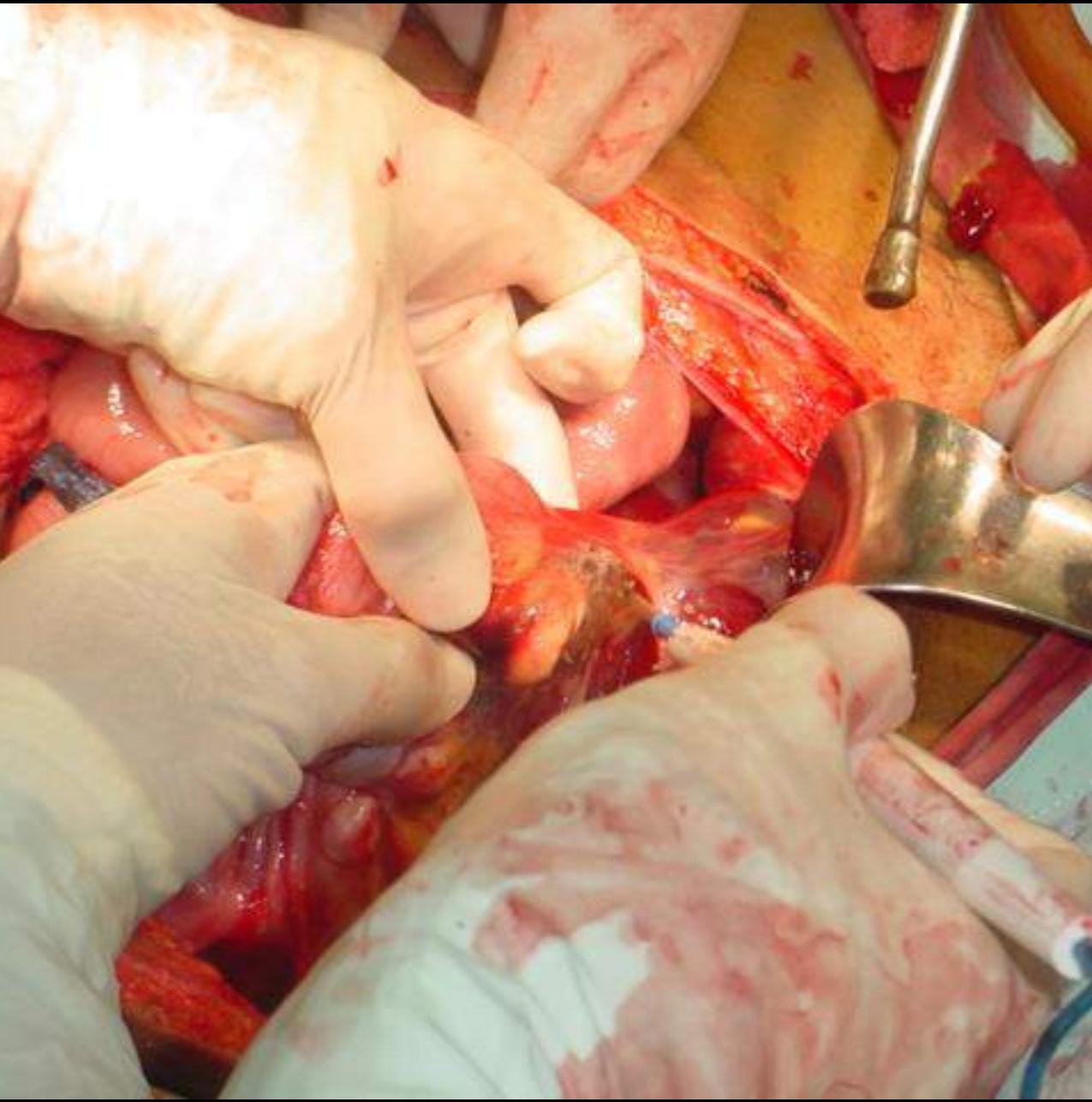
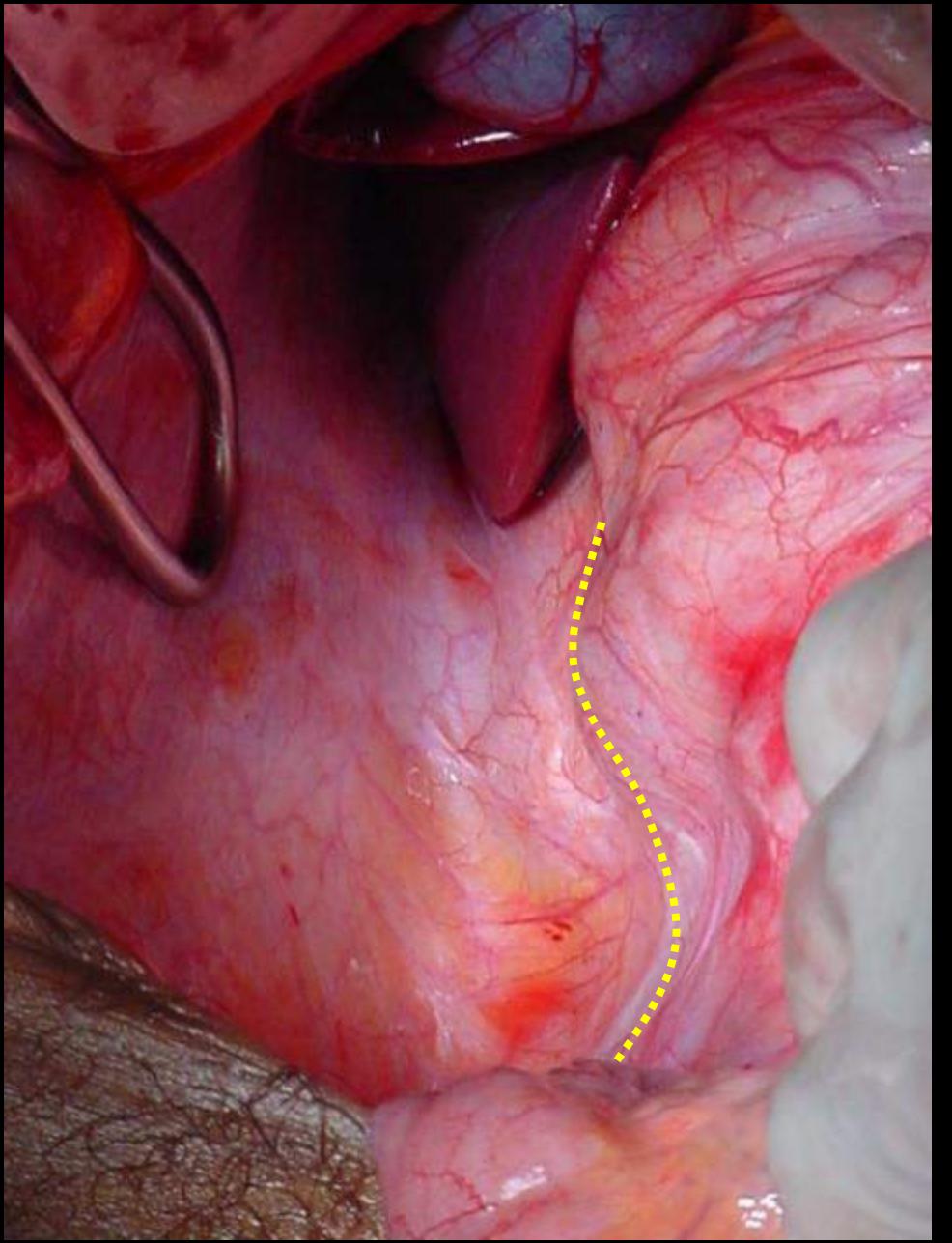
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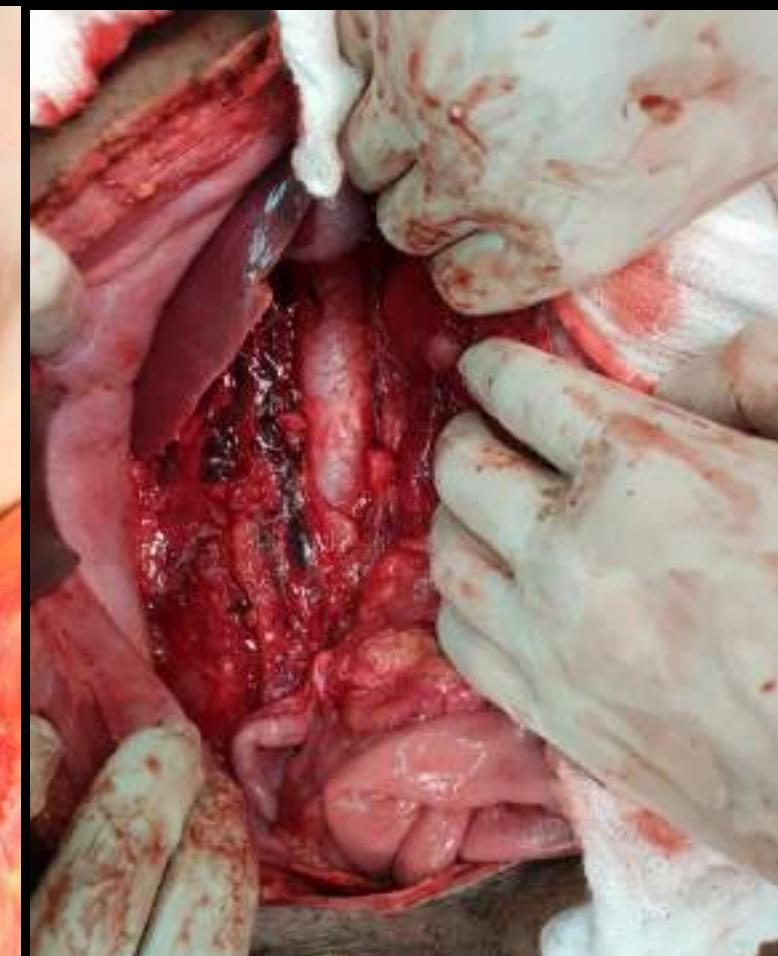
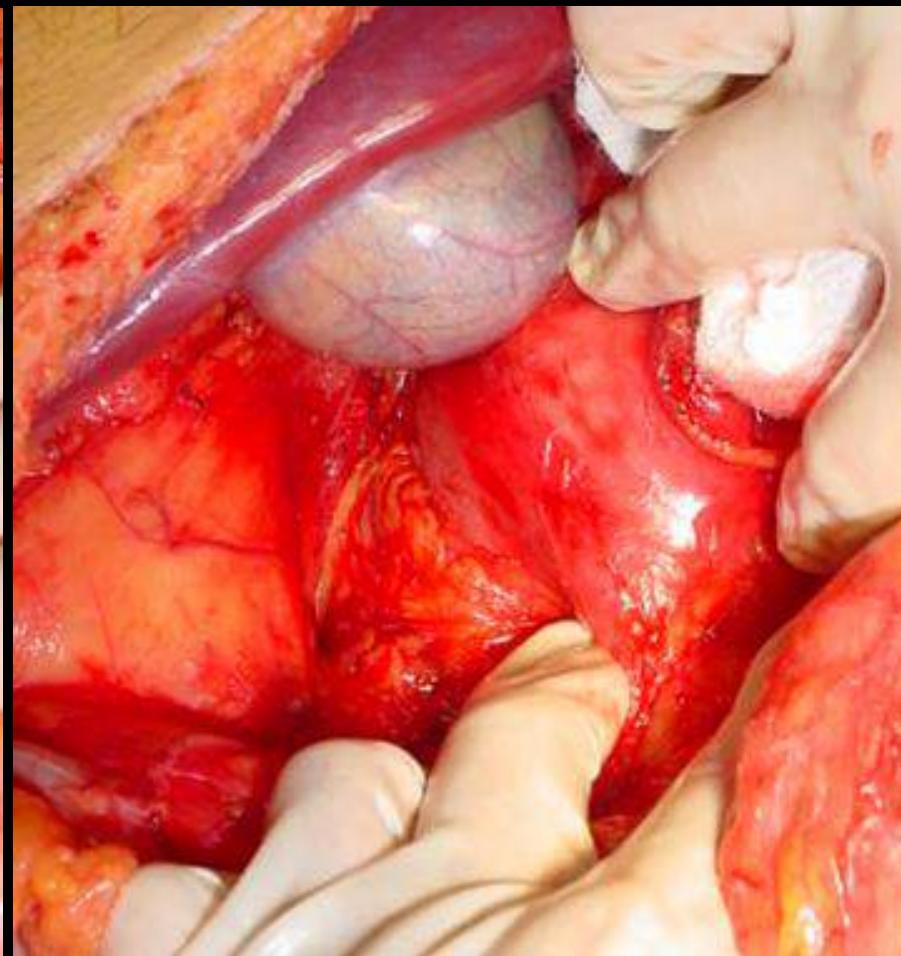
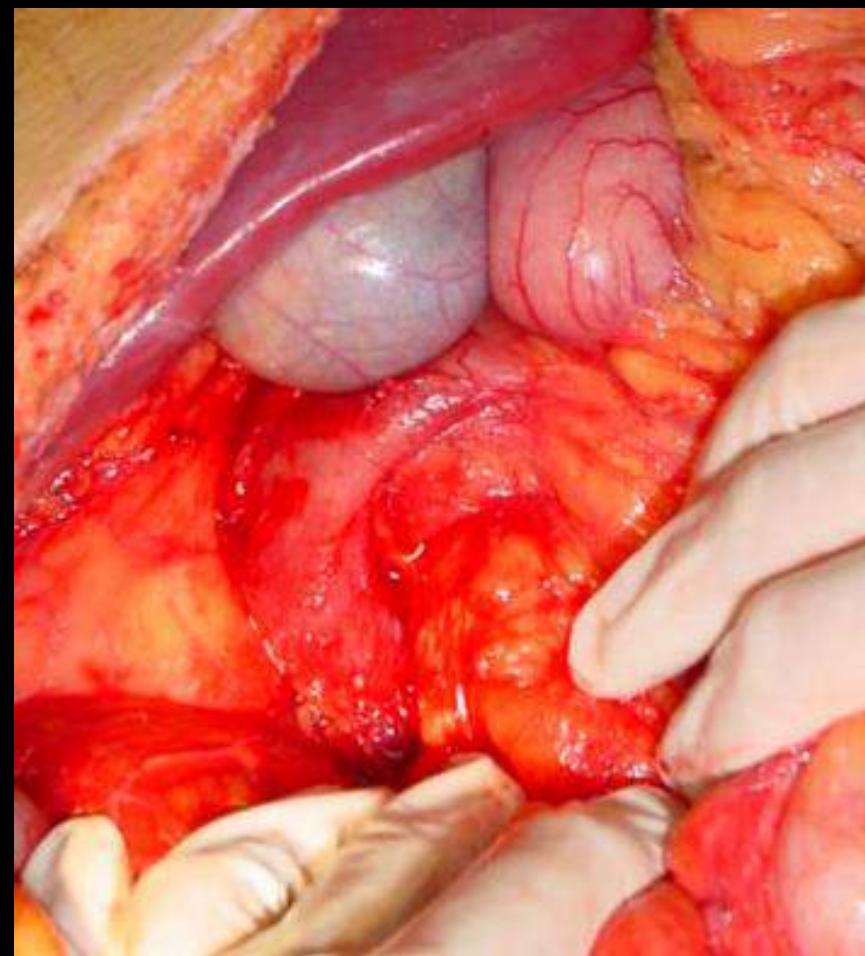
Infrarenal Vena Cava  
Infrarenal Aorta Artery

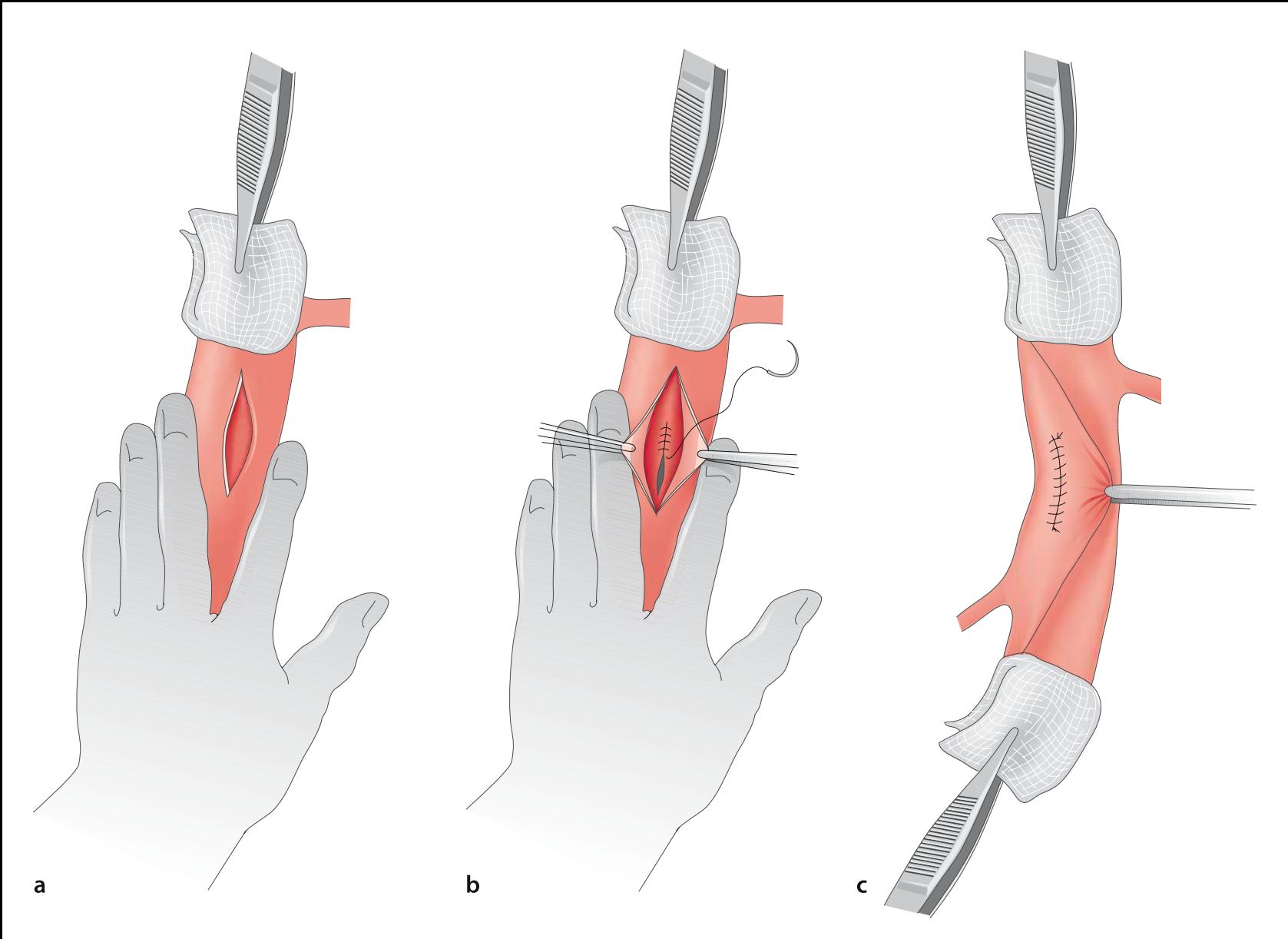
<b>Location of the hematoma</b>	<b>Injured structure</b>	<b>Approach</b>
1A. Central supra-mesocolic	Suprarenal abdominal aorta Celiac trunk and branches Superior mesenteric artery Superior mesenteric vein Proximal renal vessels	Medial mobilization of the viscera on the left side (Mattox maneuver)
1B. Central infra-mesocolic	Infrarenal aorta Infrarenal cava Proximal iliac vessels	Midline approach Mobilization of the viscera on the right side (Catell-Braash maneuver) Mobilization of the left colon and the right colon
2A. Peri-renal, flank	Kidney Distal renal vessels Supra-renal gland	Cattell-Braasch maneuver Mobilization of the left colon and the right colon
2B. Flank, pericolic	Infra-hepatic Cava Juxta-renal Cava Infra-renal Cava	Cattell-Braasch maneuver Mobilization of the left colon and the right colon
3. Pelvic	Iliac vessels	Mobilization of the left colon and the right colon
4. Portal	Portal Vein Common hepatic artery	Examination of the hepatic hilum Cattell-Braasch maneuver
5. Retro-hepatic	Retro-hepatic Vena Cava Hepatic veins	Formal liver isolation Intra-aortic (REBOA) and intracaval (REBOC) balloon catheters

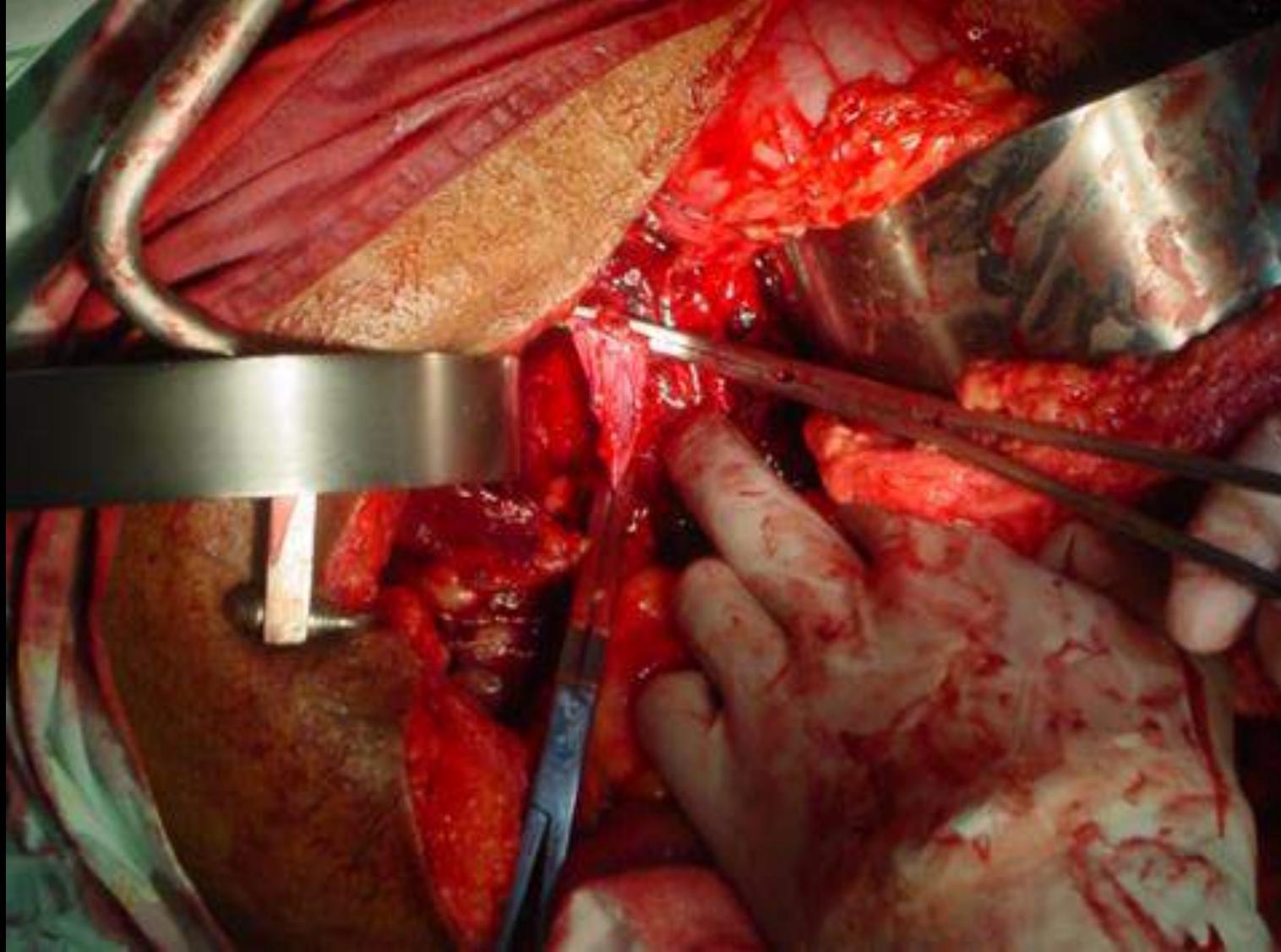
Table 3. Classification of retroperitoneal hematomas, probable associated vascular structures, and recommended approaches









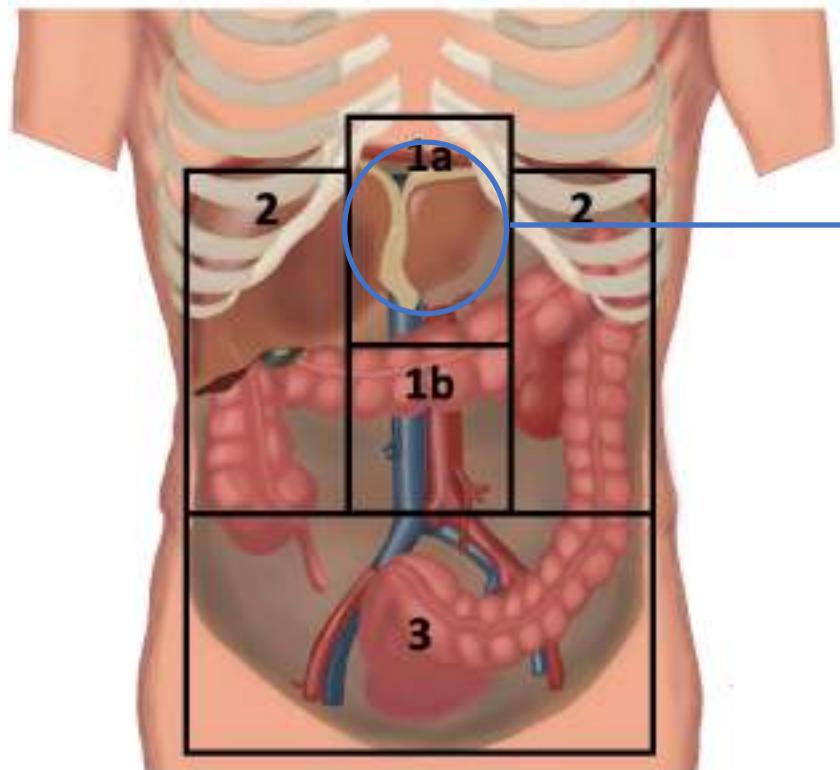






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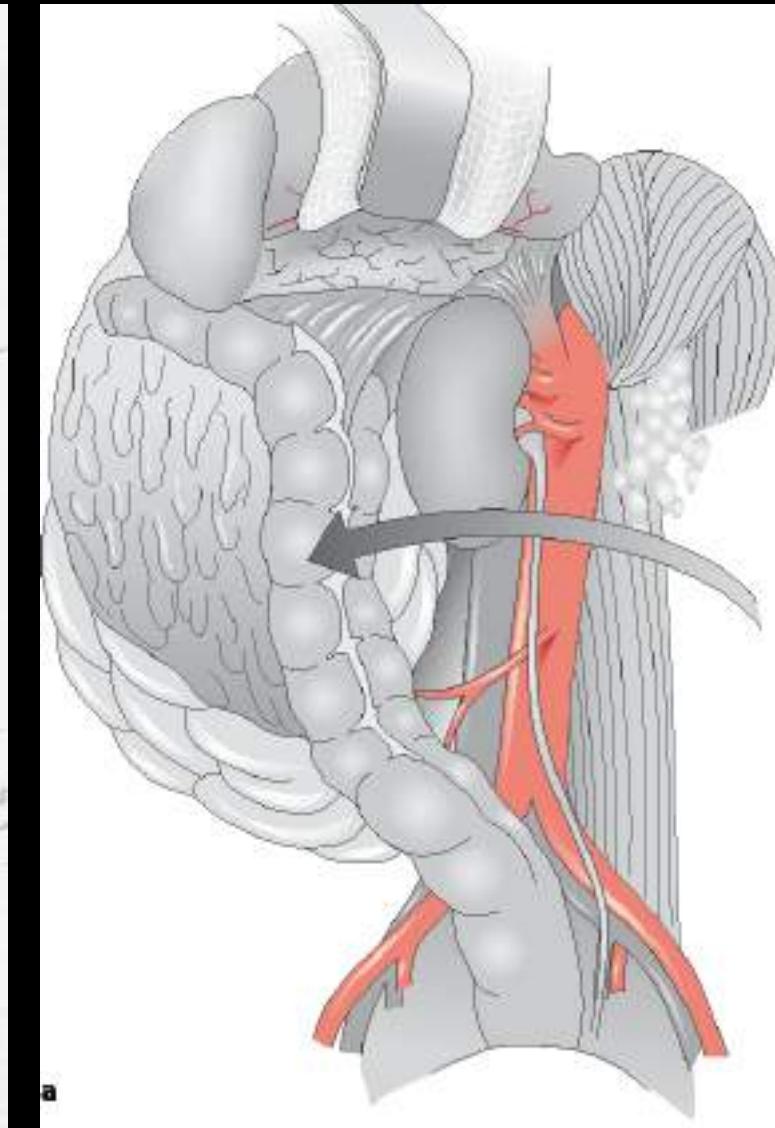
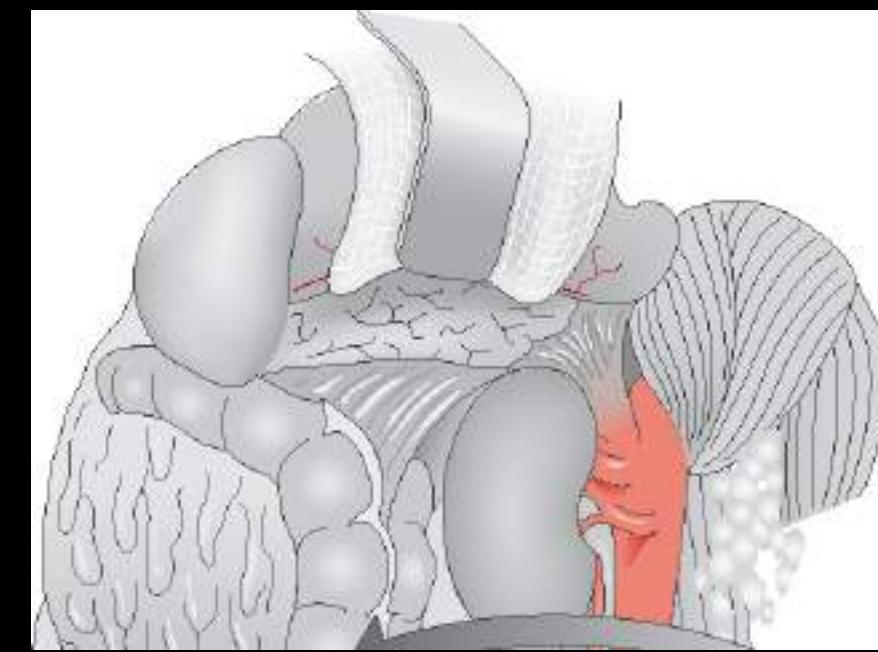
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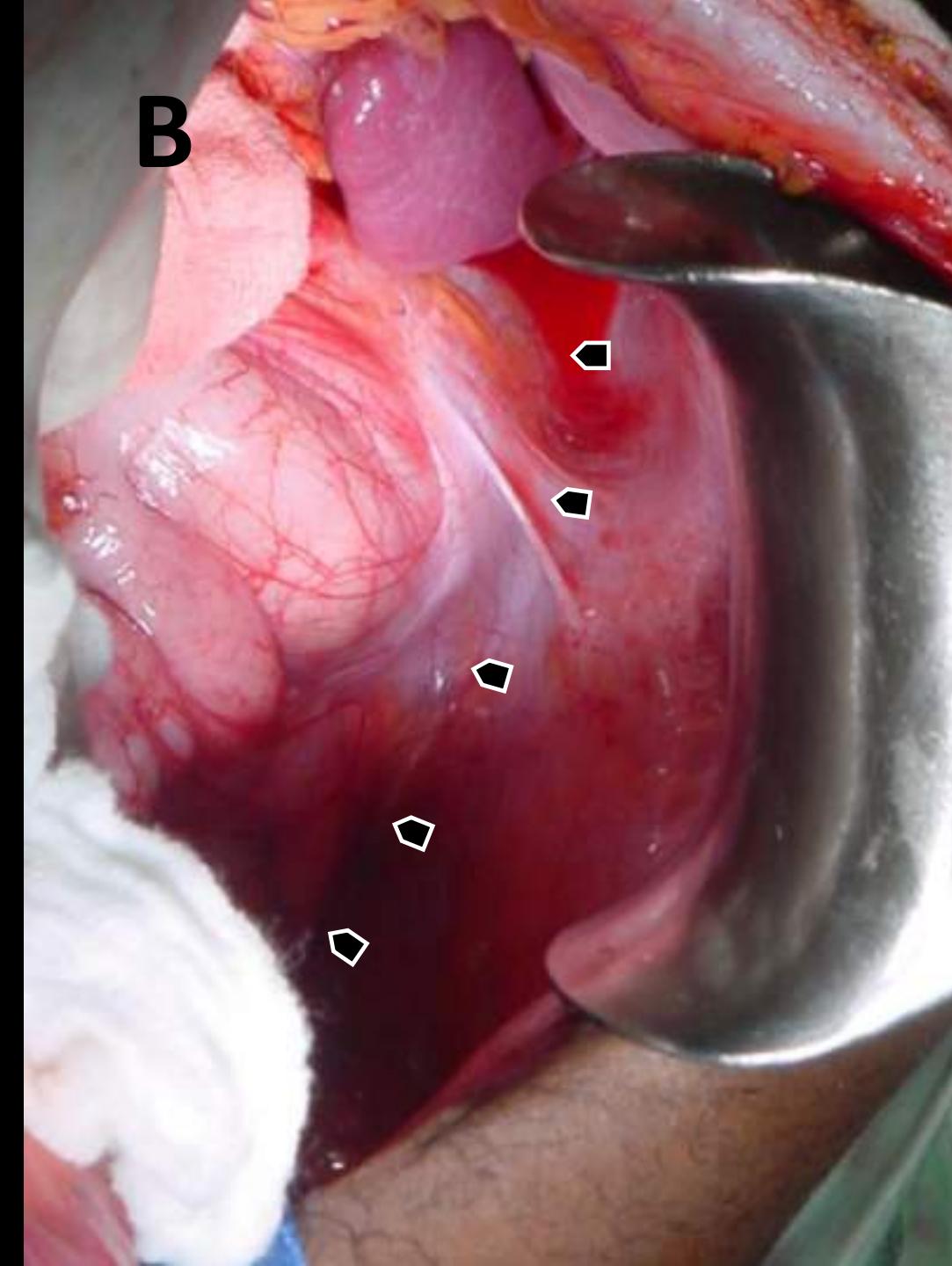
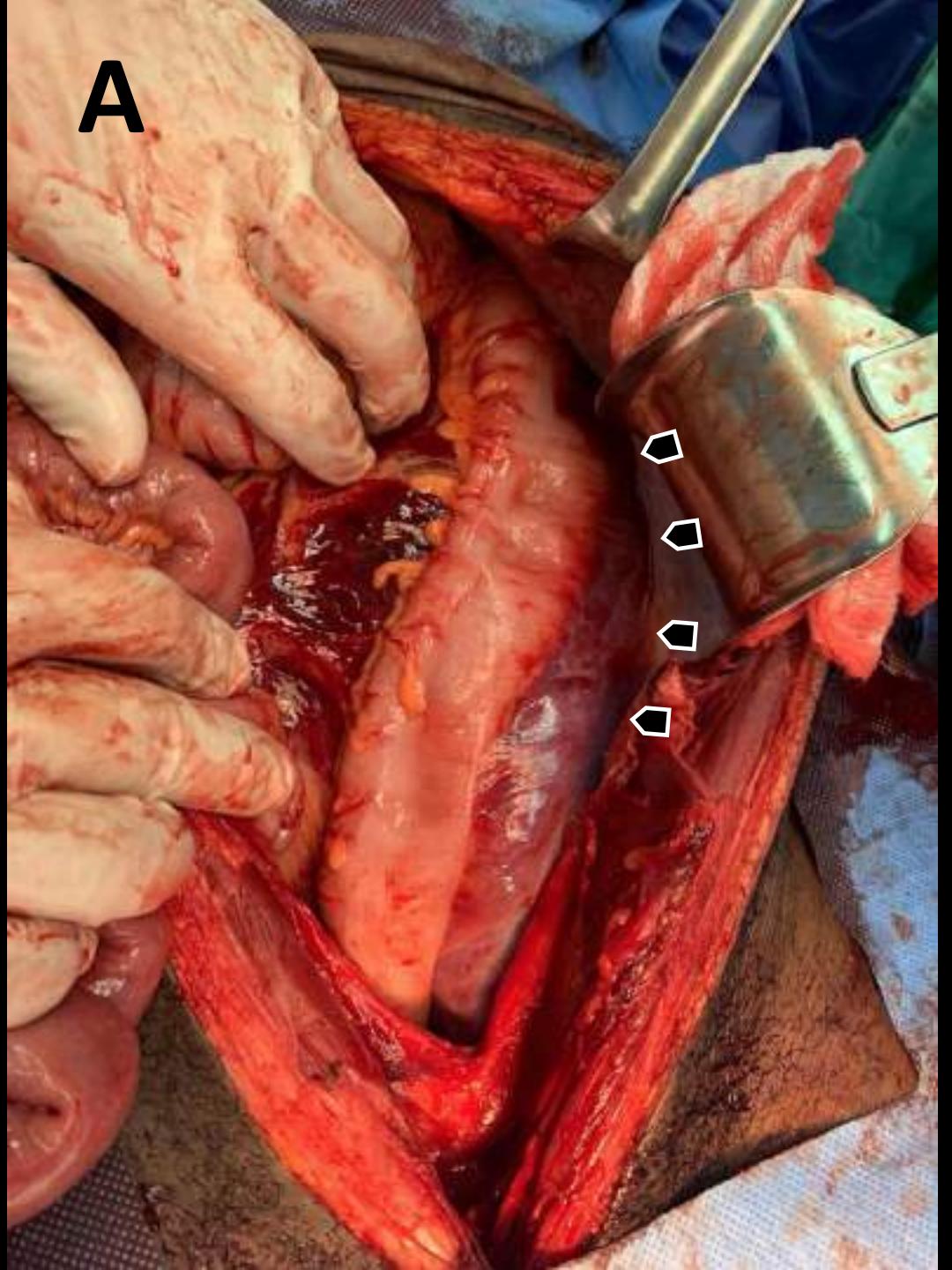


### Supramesocolic Zone 1

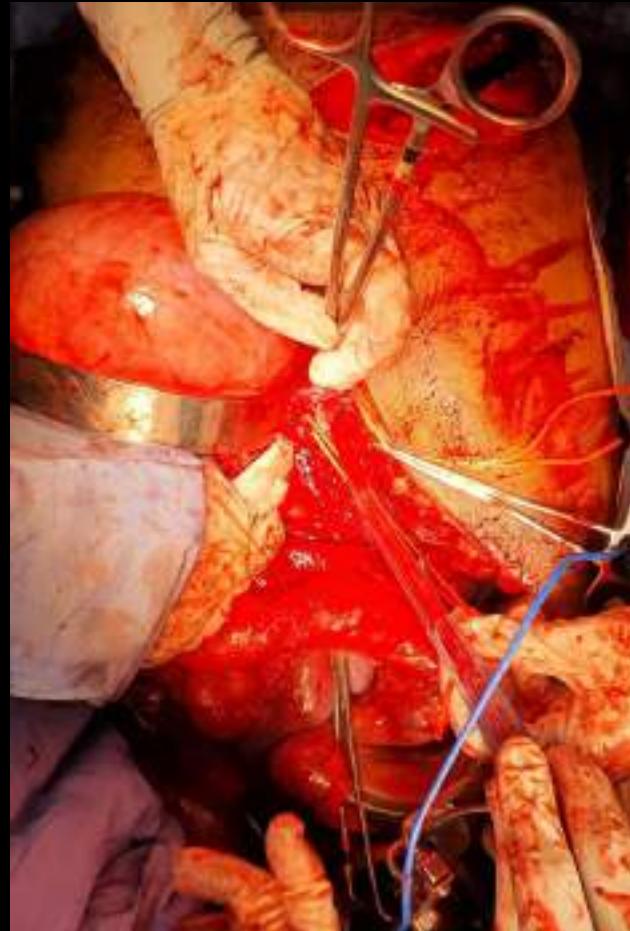
Supra-renal Aorta  
Celiac axis & branches  
Superior Mesenteric Artery  
Proximal Renal vessels

### Mattox Manouver

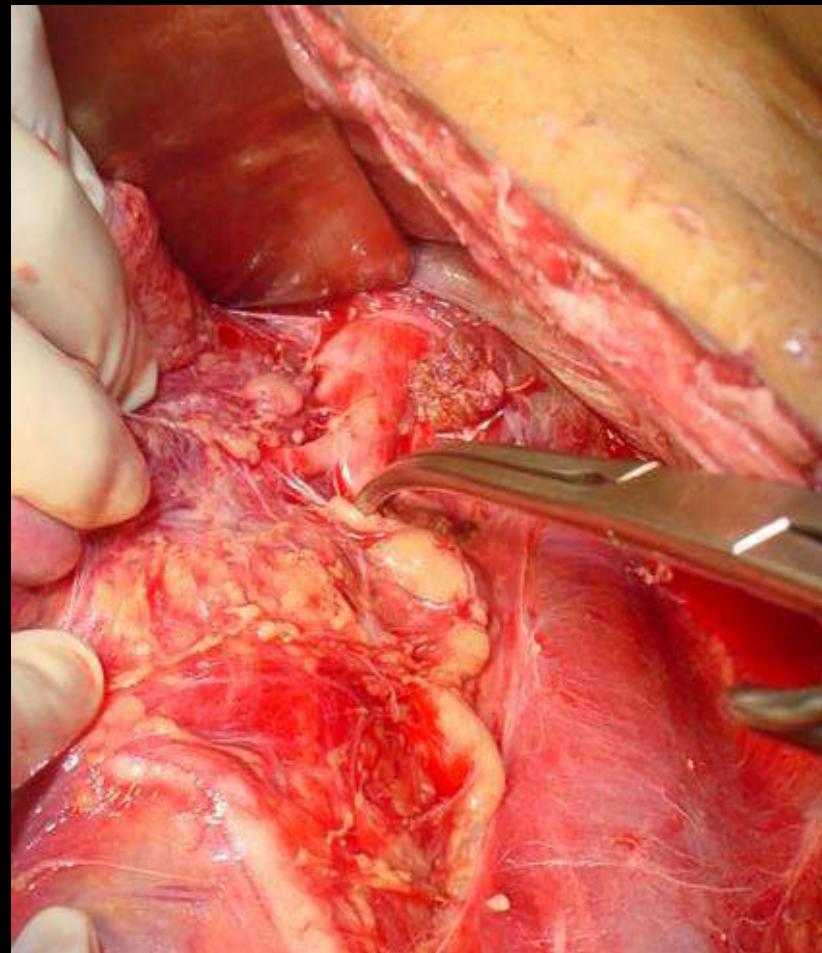
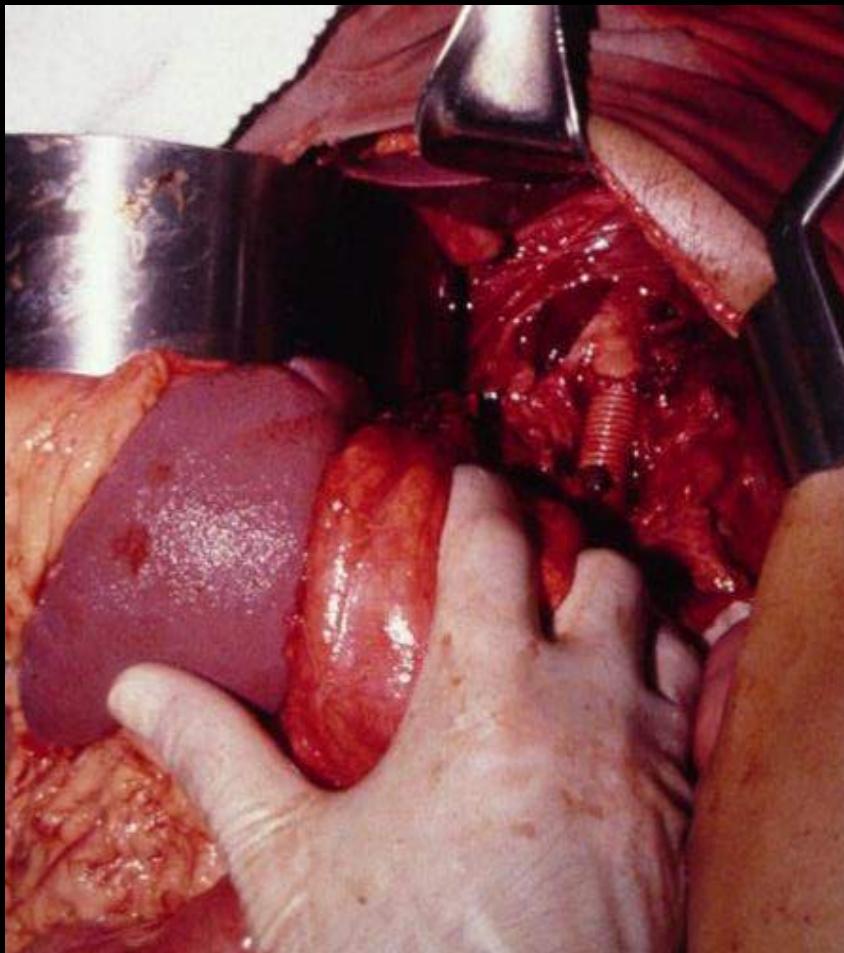




# Temporary bleeding control



# Definitive management



# Associated injuries

Small bowel	31% - 51%
Colon	18% - 35%
Duodenum	14% - 15%
Liver	35% - 37%
Spleen	12% - 14%
Kidney	6% - 15%



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# Damage control in abdominal vascular trauma

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# Abdominal Vascular Trauma.

## Death by Exsanguination

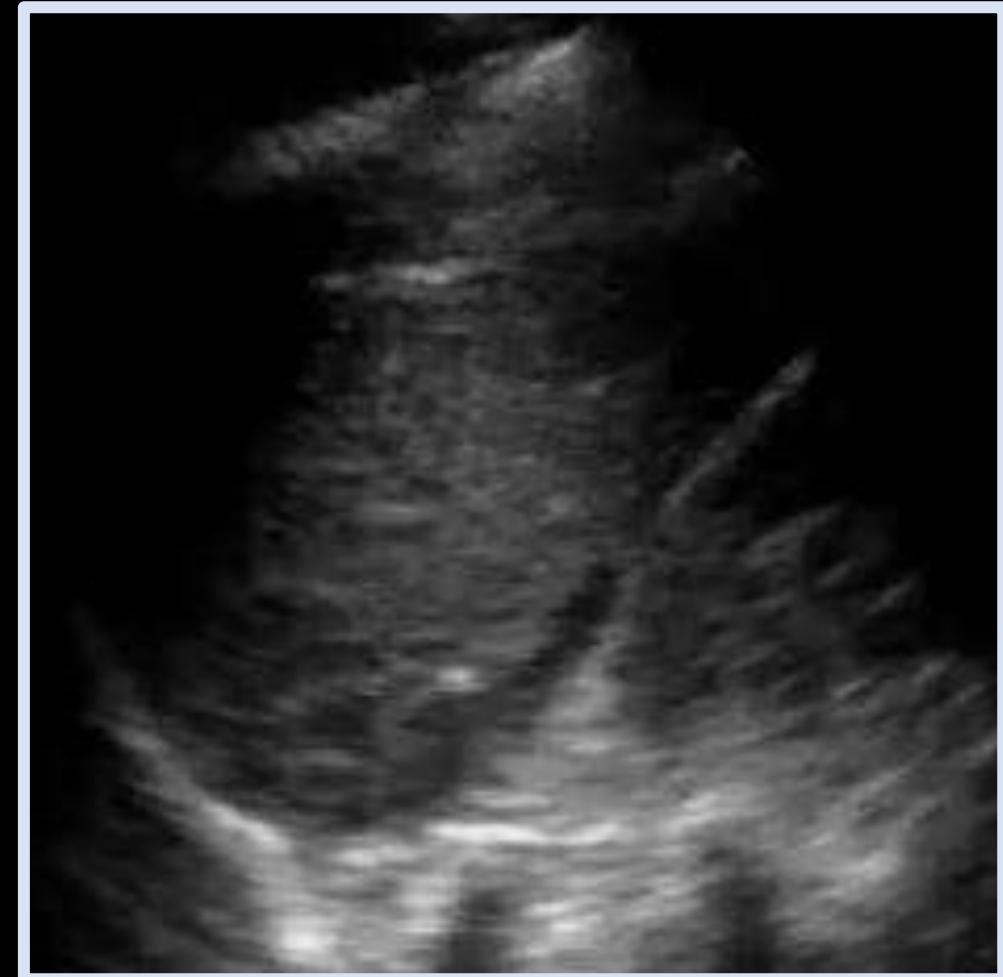
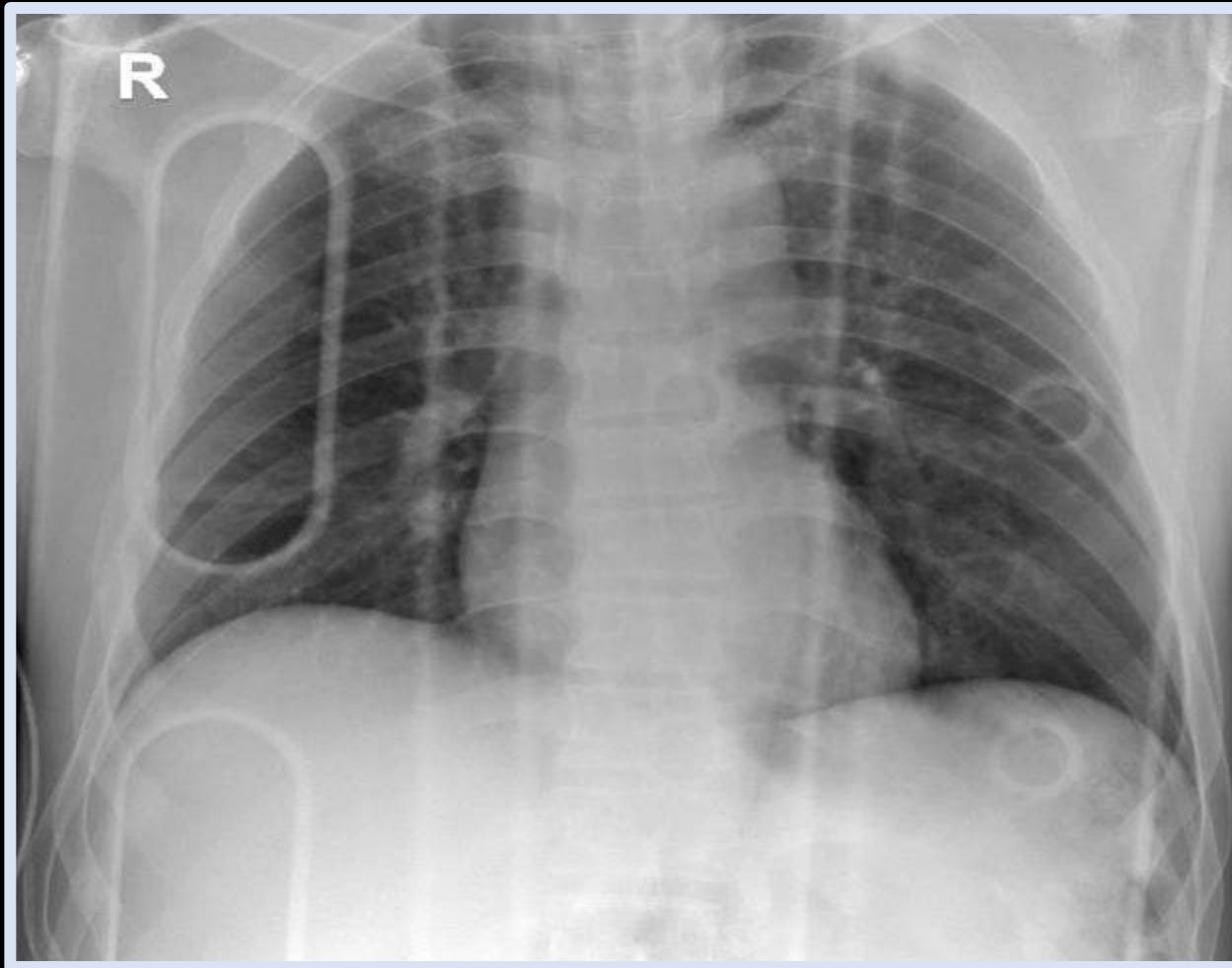
Year	Scenario	City	Cases	Mort	Exsang
1971	V. Cava	Houston	82	40%	79%
1981	Vascular Abdominal	Milwaukee	81	36%	70%
1982	Vascular Abdominal	Denver	123	37%	89%
1983	V. Cava	Denver	219	38%	95%
1985	Vascular Abdominal	Nashville	58	29%	85%
1986	Vascular Abdominal	Detroit	105	54%	88%
1990	Vasos Iliacos	Houston	233	28%	85%
1996	V. Cava	Johannesburg	74	39%	100%
1997	V. Cava	N. Y.	81	44%	100%
2000	Vascular Abdominal	L. A.	302	54%	84%
2001	A. Mesentérica sup	L. A.	250	39%	71%
2005	V. Cava	Cape Town	48	31%	80%
2010	Vascular Abdominal	Mineapolis	167	32%	89%
2012	Vascular Abdominal	Denver	64	33%	62%
2019	Vascular Abdominal	Bangkok	55	40%	73%



## Case #2

- Male, 26 year old
- Blunt abdominal trauma
- 2 Lt. prehospital cristalloids
- B.P. 70/30   H.R. 120   R.R. 32      Glasgow 11
- Ecchymosis in abdominal wall
- Abdominal distension
- FAST (+)
- Resto del EF (-)

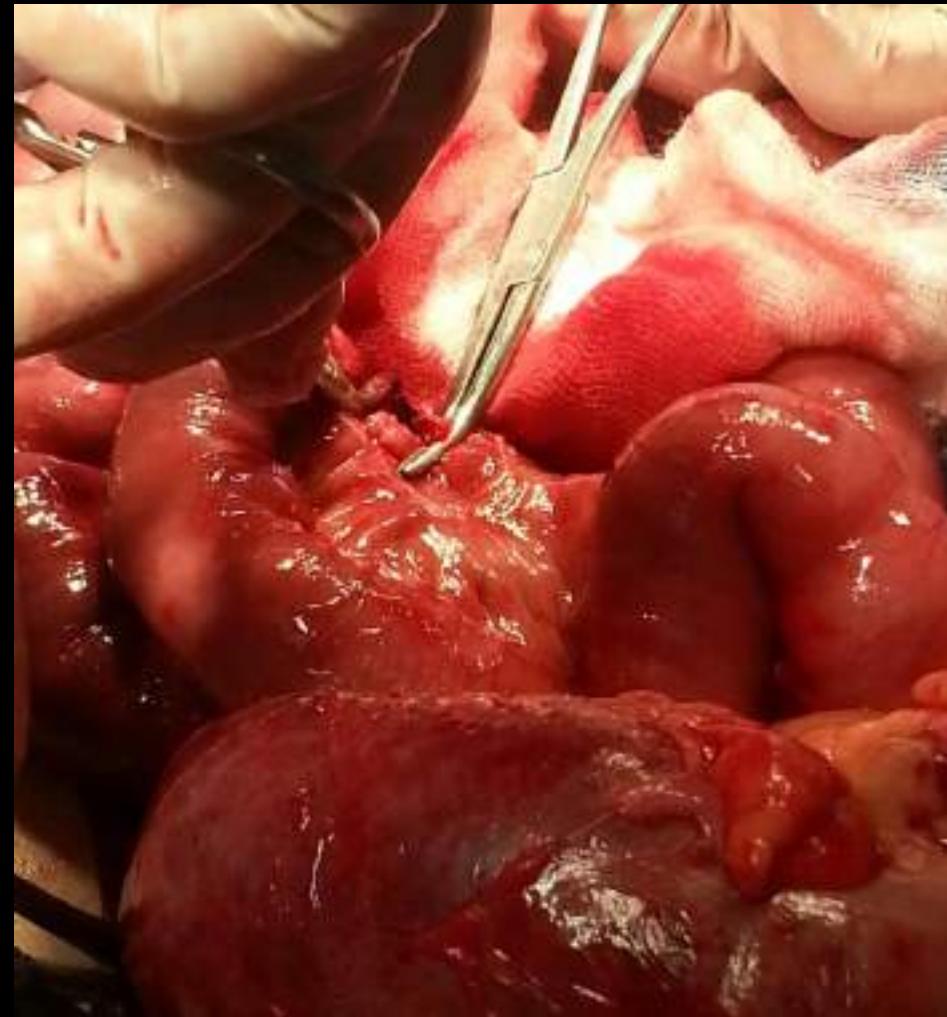
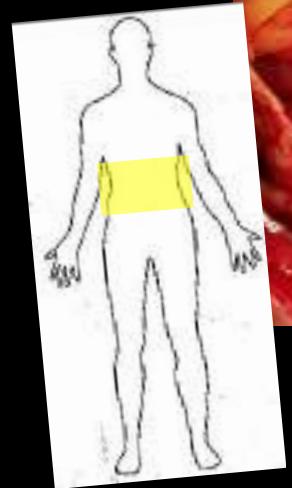
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# Case #2

## Reoperations

- 1st Reoperation (4 hours)
  - Mesenteric Hemostasis
  - Proximal ileum resection (30 cm) – ligation
  - Right hemicolectomy – ligation
- 2nd Reoperation (16 hours)
  - Distal ileum resection (150 cm) – ligation
  - Transverse and left colectomy. Rectal stump closure (Hartmann's)
- 3rd Reoperation (44 hours)
  - 3 intestinal resections – ligation
- 4th Reoperation (90 hours)
  - Intestinal congestion

<u>1st day Transfusions</u>	
PRBC	23u
FFP	20u
Plt	3x6 apheresis
Cryo	63u

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# Case #2

## Evolution

- 6th Reoperation (Day 6)
  - Jeyuno - jeyunal anastomosis (manual)
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  - Ileorectal anastomosis (mechanical)
- 8th Reoperation (Day 14)
  - Filtration entero – enteric anastomosis
- 11th Reoperation (day 21)
  - Persistent enteric fistula. Rectal stump filtration
- 21th Reoperation (día 59)
  - Rectal stump fistula: spontaneous closure
  - Persistent enteric fistula

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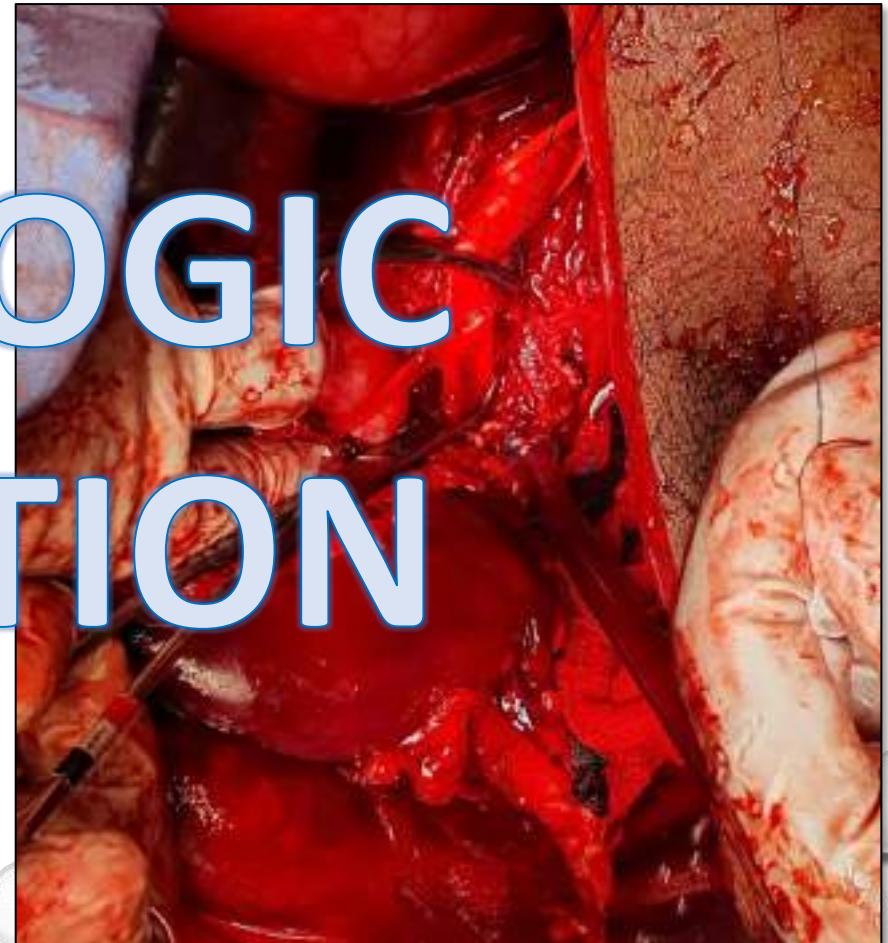
- Hospital discharge (Day 158)
  - Persistent oriented enteric fistula
  - Ambulatory parenteral nutrition
  - Enterostomal therapy
  - Physcal rehabilitation
- Surgical fistula closure (Day 243)
- Eventorrhaphy with anterior components separation (day 248)

# Damage control in abdominal vascular trauma

## DEFINITION

- Abbreviated surgery
  - Hemorrhage control
  - Restoring vascular permeability
  - Contamination control
  - Abbreviated abdominal exploration
- Reanimation
- Scheduled Reoperation (s)/ Reconstruction

PHYSIOLOGIC  
EXHAUSTION



# Damage control decision

Indications
Physiological parameter
Glasgow <14
Temperature < 35°C at the beginning of surgery
Arterial pH <7.2
Base deficit >8 mmol/L
Lactate >5 mmol/L
Clinical pattern - surgical finding
Requirement of resuscitative thoracotomy
Hemoperitoneum >1.5L
NISS >35
Retrohepatic cava lesion
Suprarenal abdominal aortic injury
Portal vein injury
Injury of two or more vessels
Clinical coagulopathy



J Trauma Acute Care Surg 2012, 73: 1074

J Am Coll Surg 2016, 223 4s2: 197

Ann Surg 2016, 263 (5):1018

# Damage control procedures

- Vascular Trauma
  - Ligation
  - Shunts
  - Packing
  - Retained clamp
- Non-vascular injuries
  - Intestinal ligation
  - Deliberate missing of injuries
  - Not conventional abdominal closure

# Ligation permitted

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## Low risk of complications

### Veins

- Infra-renal cava
- Iliacs
- Left renal
- Inferior mesenteric
- Splenic

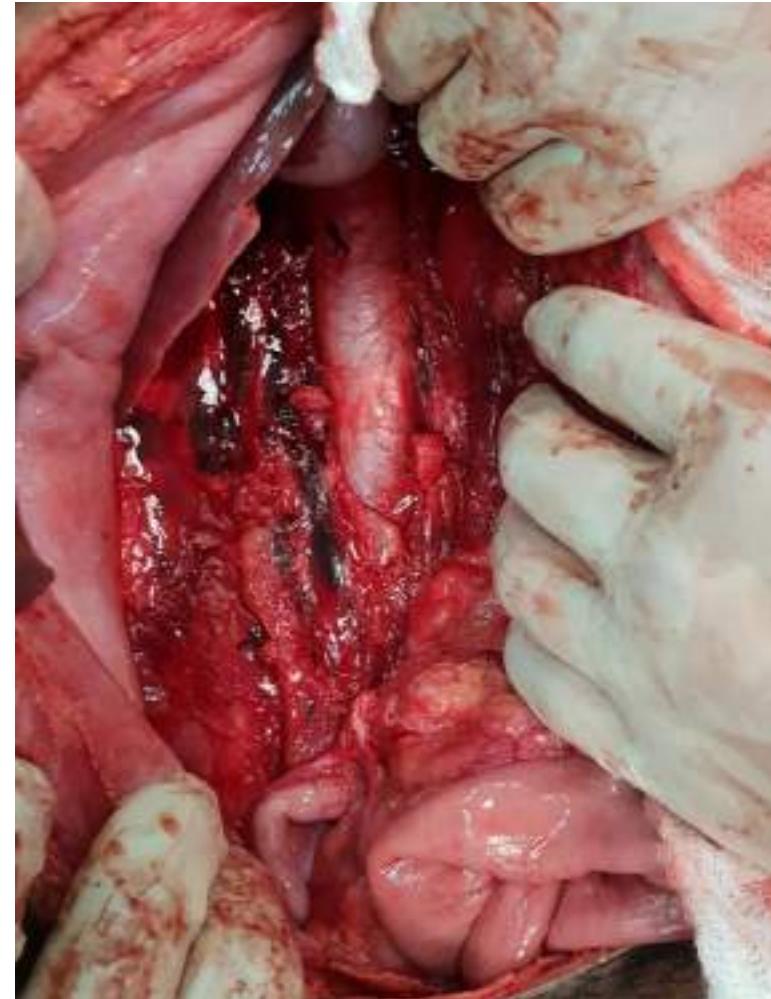
### Arteries

- Celiac trunk
- Hepatic
- Inferior mesenteric
- Internal Iliac

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## In special circumstances

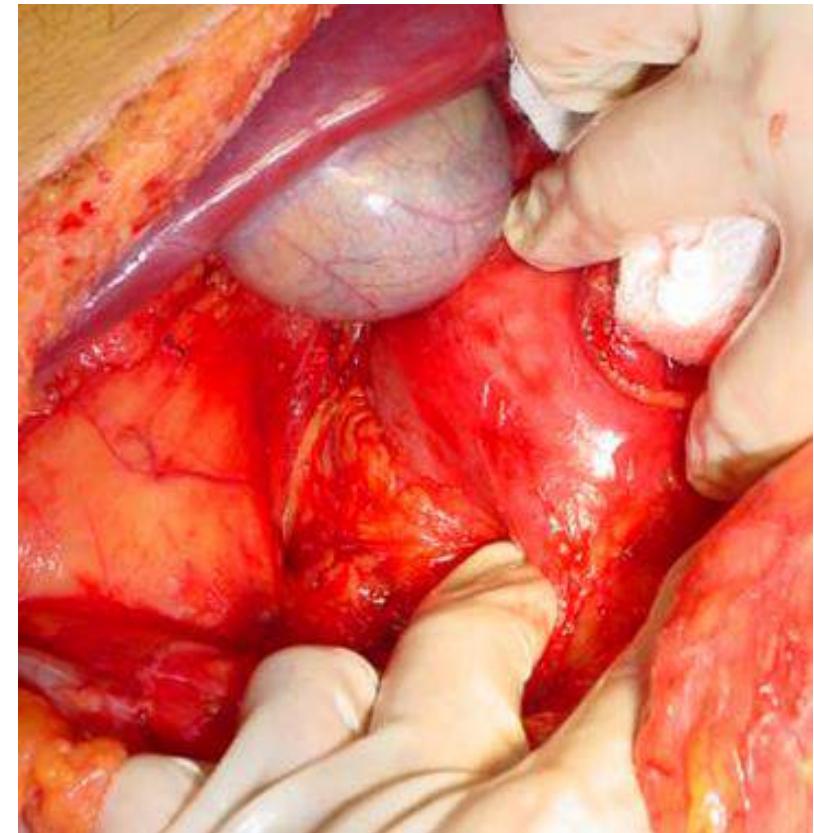
- Portal Vein
- Infra-hepatic cava vein
- Superior mesenteric artery
- Superior mesenteric vein



# Portal vein trauma

## Bleeding control & approach

- Supraduodenal
  - Pringle's maneuver
- Retropancreatic
  - Kocher's maneuver
  - Pancreatic section



# Portal vein trauma

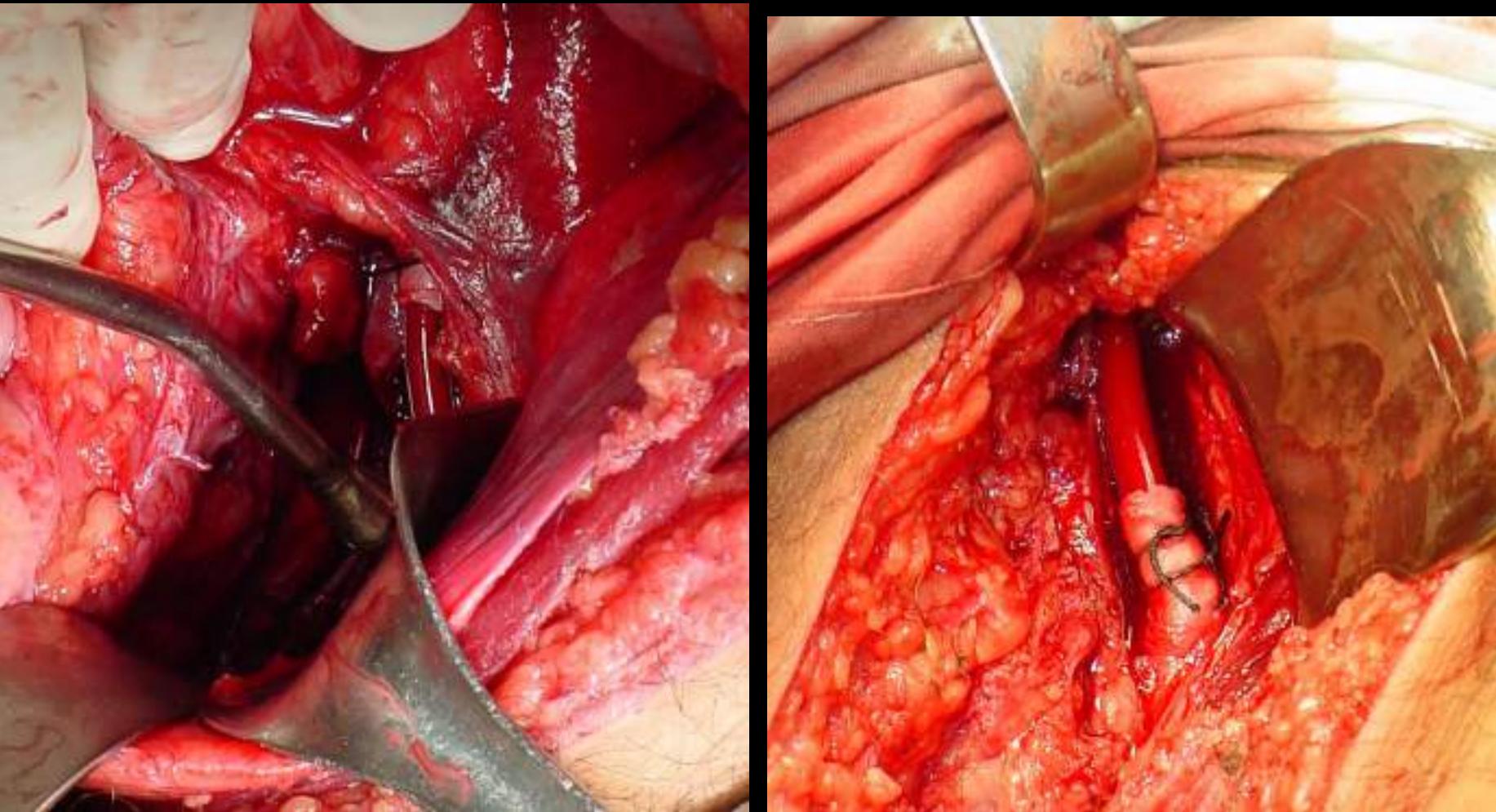
## Surgical treatment

- Favorable anatomy & physiology
  - Consider repair
- Unfavorable anatomy & physiology
  - Consider ligation
- Ligation effect
  - Similar mortality
  - Low risk of portal hypertension
  - Low risk of ischemic complications

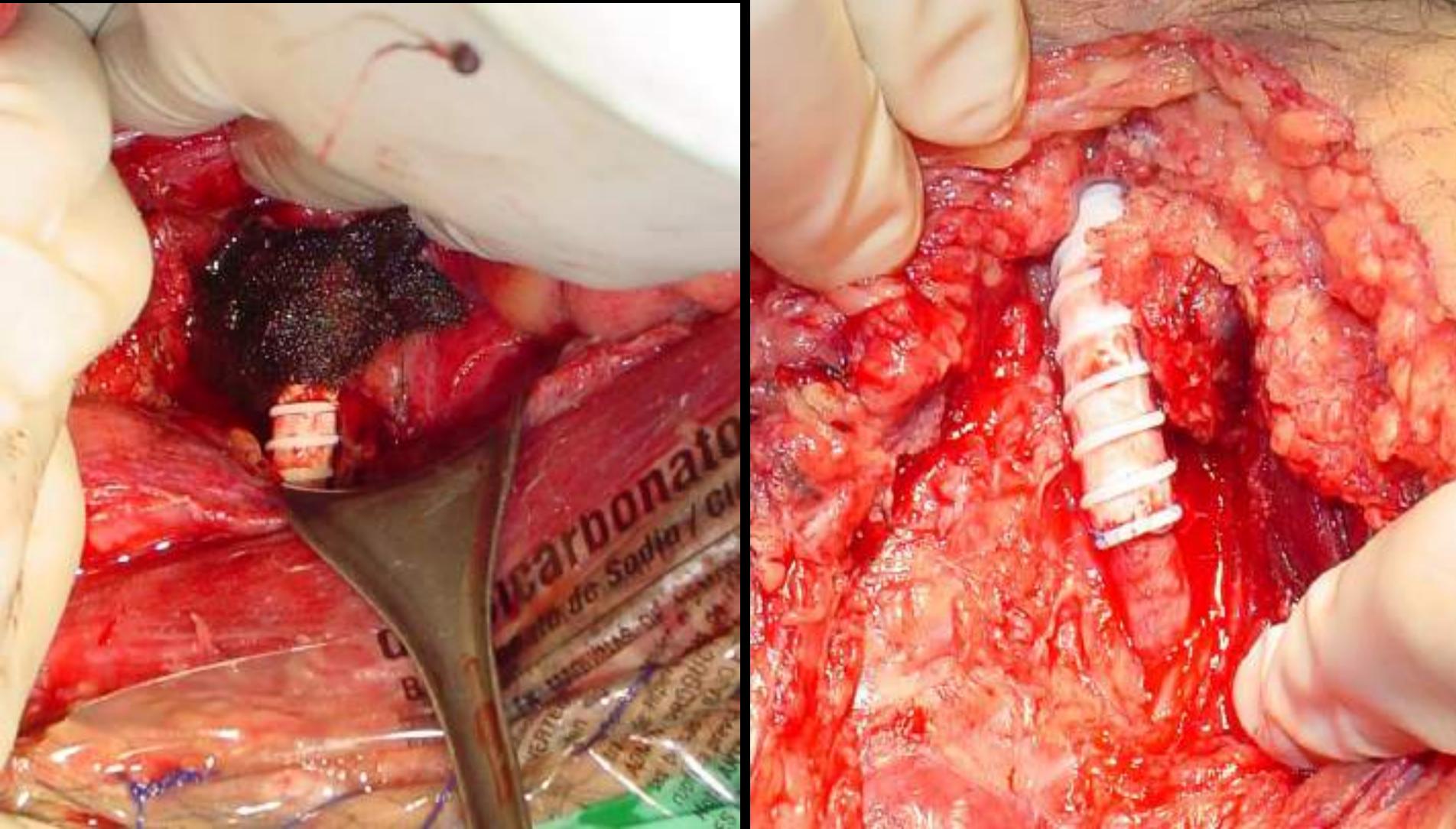
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TABLE 2. Shunted Vessels

	n	Argyle	Feeding/ Nasogastric Tube	Chest Tube	Pruitt- Inahara
Extremity					
Axillary artery	9	8	0	0	1
Brachial artery	28	26	0	0	2
Brachial vein	1	1	0	0	0
Radial artery	3	2	1	0	0
Ulnar artery	1	1	0	0	0
Common femoral artery	21	20	0	1	0
Femoral vein	3	1	0	0	2
Superficial femoral artery	51	46	0	1	4
Popliteal artery	40	28	2	0	10
Popliteal vein	3	2	0	0	1
	160	135	3	2	20
Trunk					
Aorta	11	0	0	11	0
Inferior vena cava	1	0	0	1	0
Carotid artery	8	8	0	0	0
Subclavian artery	3	3	0	0	0
Portal vein	1	1	0	0	0
Superior mesenteric artery	3	3	0	0	0
Superior mesenteric vein	1	1	0	0	0
Iliac artery	24	22	1	1	0
Iliac vein	1	0	0	1	0
	53	38	1	14	0

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**TABLE 4.** Final Conduit

	n	Death Before Removal	RSVG	PTFE/Dacron	Primary Repair/Ligation
Extremity					
Axillary artery	9	2	7	0	0
Brachial artery	28	2	26	0	0
Brachial vein	1	0	0	0	1
Radial artery	3	0	2	0	1
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Popliteal vein	3	0	3	0	0
	160	15	123	17	5
Trunk					
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Carotid artery	8	0	2	5	1
Subclavian artery	3	2	1	0	0
Portal vein	1	0	0	1	0
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Superior mesenteric vein	1	0	1	0	0
Iliac artery	24	13	3	7	1
Iliac vein	1	0	0	0	1
	53	26	11	13	3

RSVG, reverse saphenous vein graft.

- 1st Surgery in other hospital
- Male, 26 Years
- Gunshot wound in right hemithorax
- Tamponade
- Right thoracotomy- cardiorrhaphy
- Persistent shock -> transference
- On admission: pale, cold, undetectable blood pressure
- Thoracostomy: no bleeding



Massive transfusion protocol  
Resuscitation in the  
operating room.

## **REBOA (open)**

### LAPAROTOMY

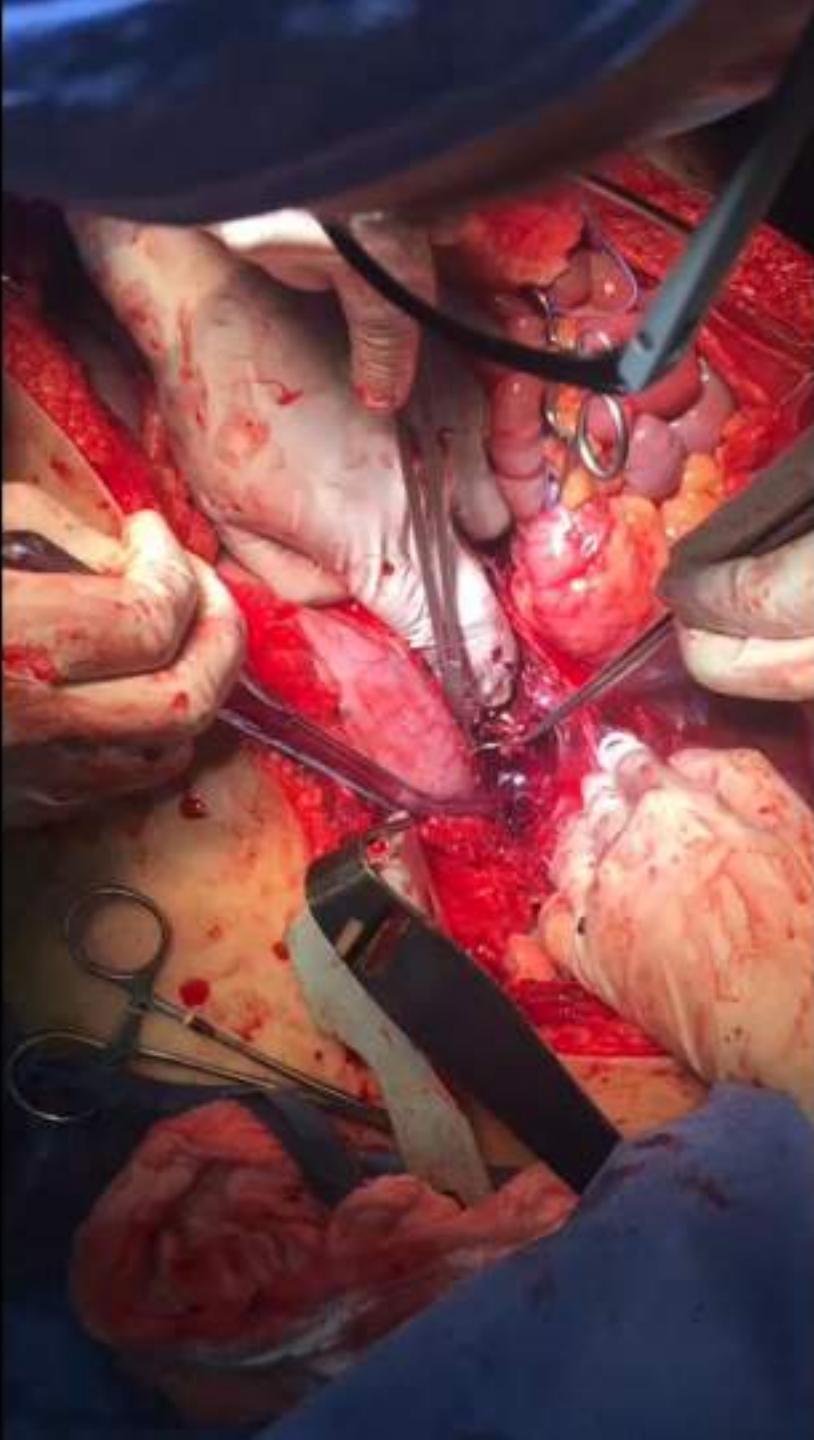
- Retrohepatic dark bleeding
- Compression
- **REBOC (Open)**
- Hepatic mobilization

### THORACOTOMY

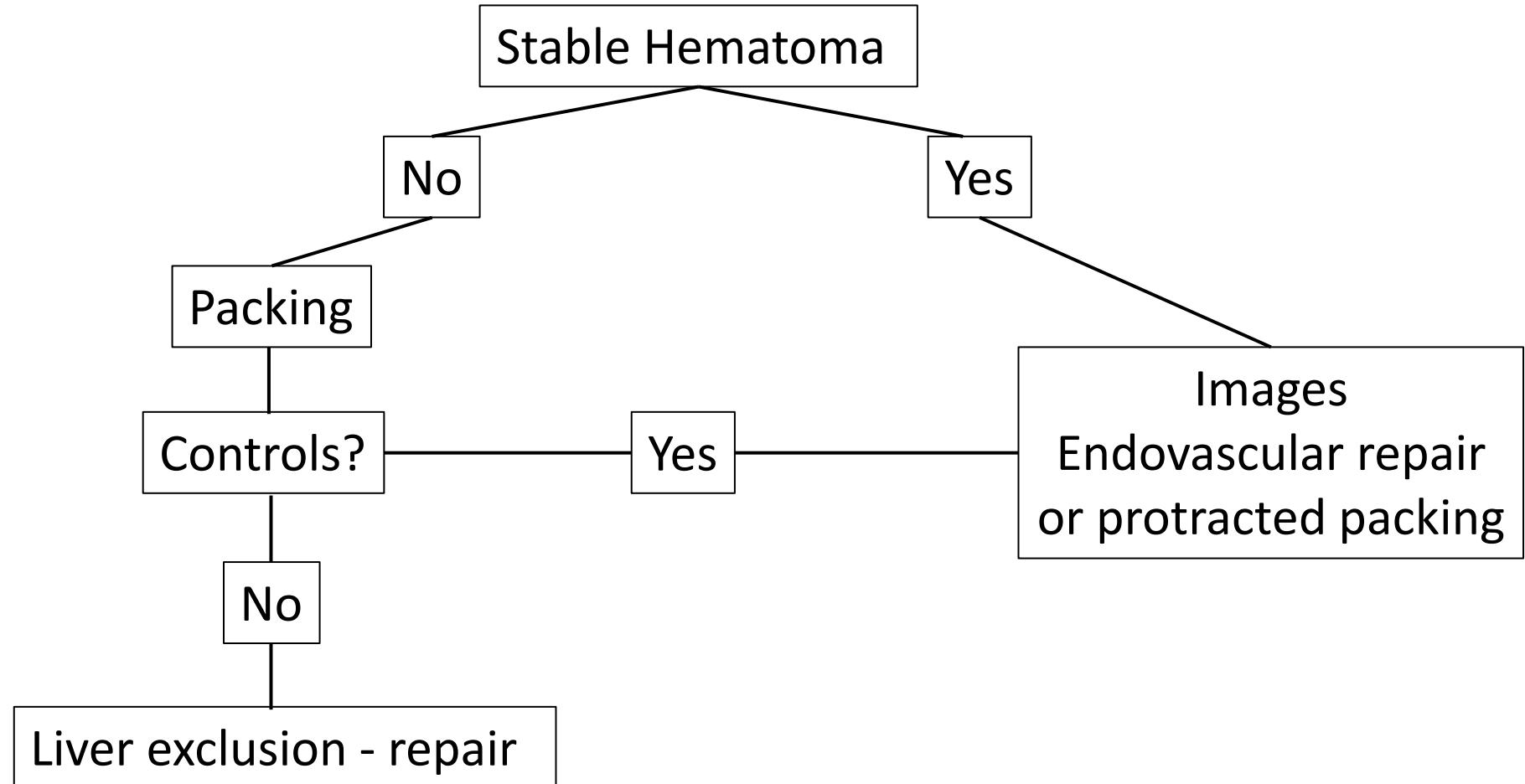
- Frenotomy
- Intrapericardic cava repair
- Hepatic exclusion



Damage control in abdominal vascular trauma



# Approach to suprahepatic hematoma/bleeding



# Temporary abdominal closure

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A systematic review and meta-analysis

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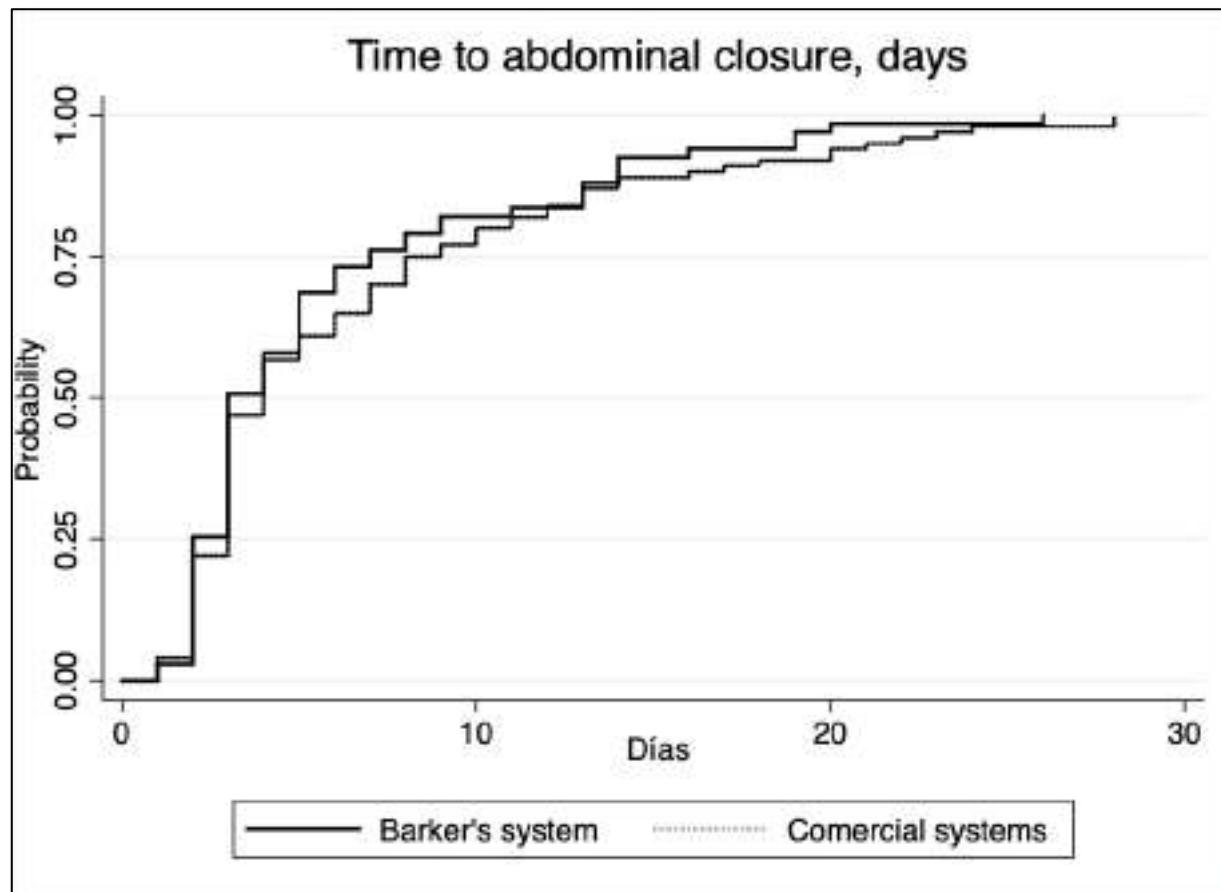
- Low quality evidence
- Better outcomes?
- Similar results
  - Reoperations (bleeding)
  - Closure probability
  - Fistula
  - ICU & hospital stay



# Comparison of Barker's and Comercial Systems In Damage Control Laparotomy in Trauma

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75 vs 109



# Abdominal vascular trauma

- Early recognition
- Surgical approach
- Temporary control
- Proximal and distal control
- Repair
- Early consideration of damage control



# Reoperations and reconstruction

- Emergency
  - Hemorrhage
  - Abdominal compartment syndrome
  - Sepsis
- Scheduled
  - Physiologic optimization
  - Need to revascularize
  - Intestinal viability evaluation



# Summary

