

Damage Control and Definitive Surgery for Thoracic and Chest Wall Surgery

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Damage Control

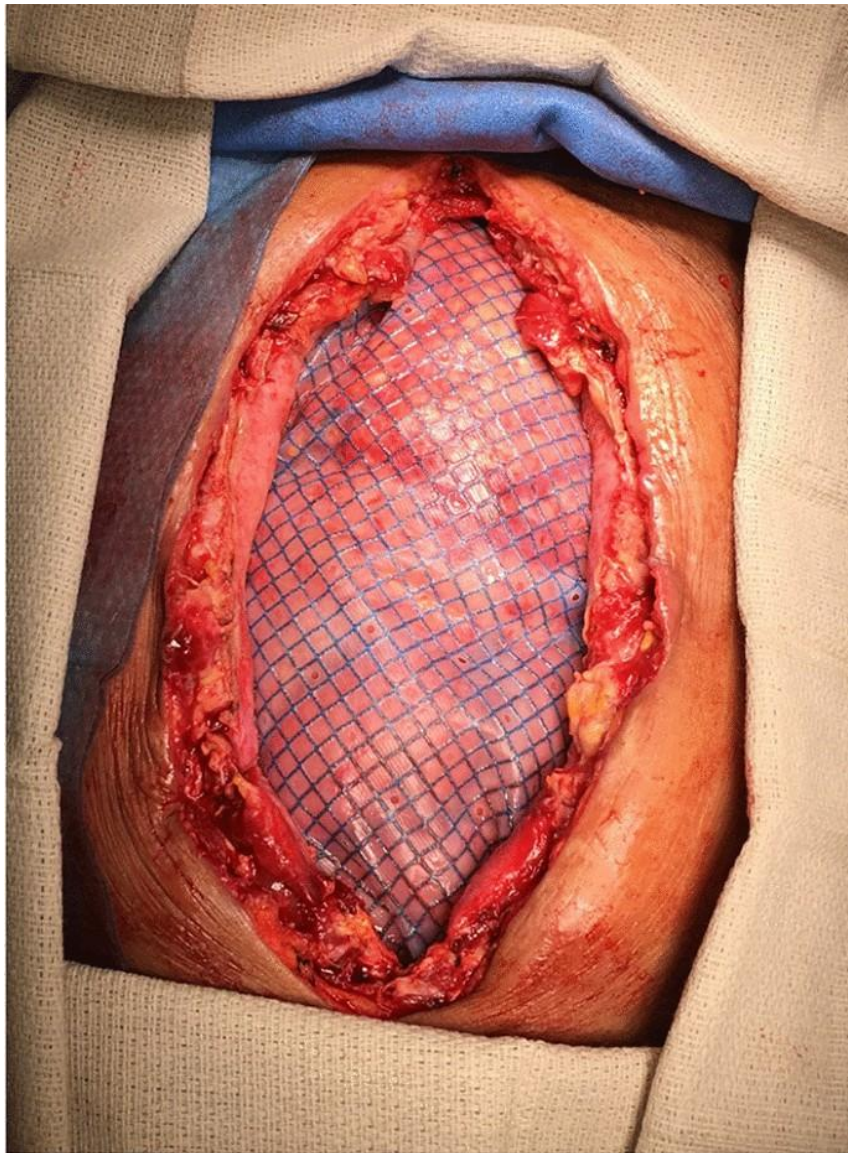
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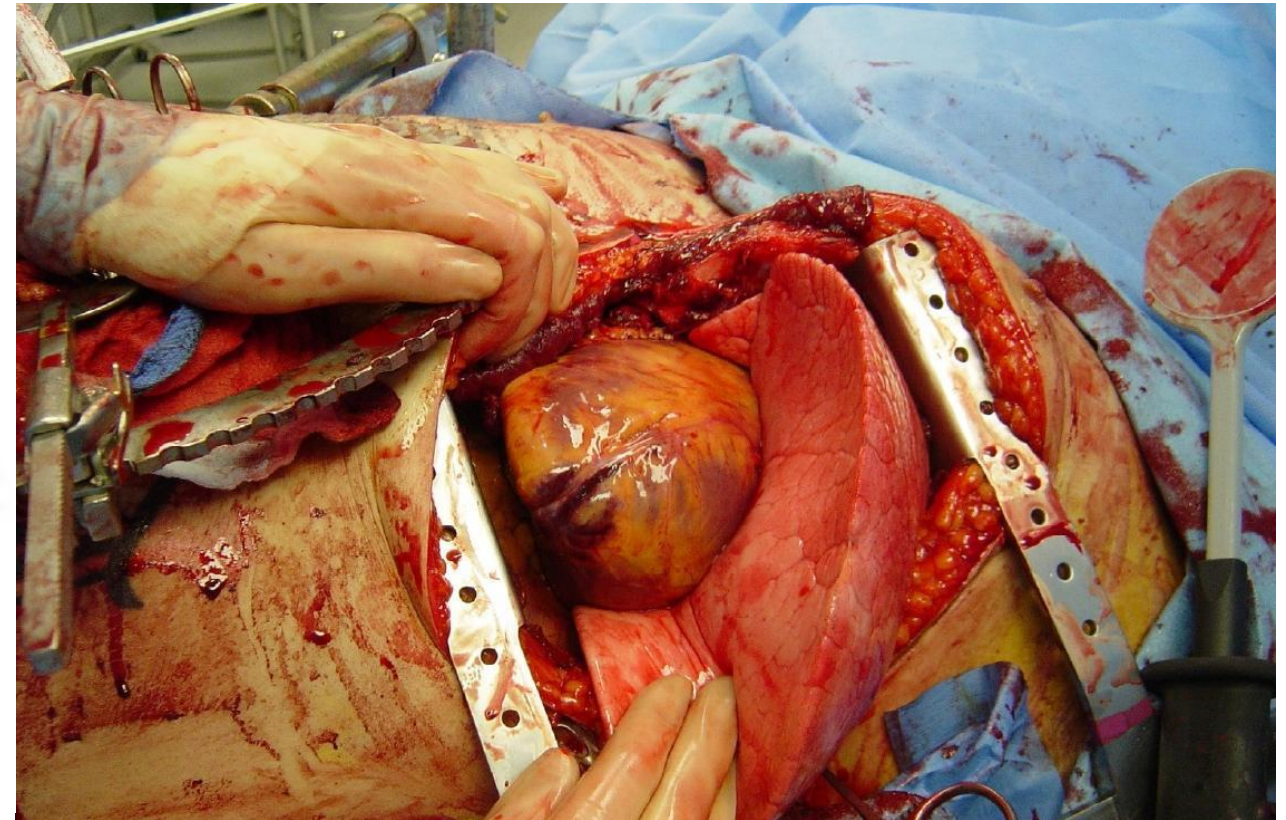
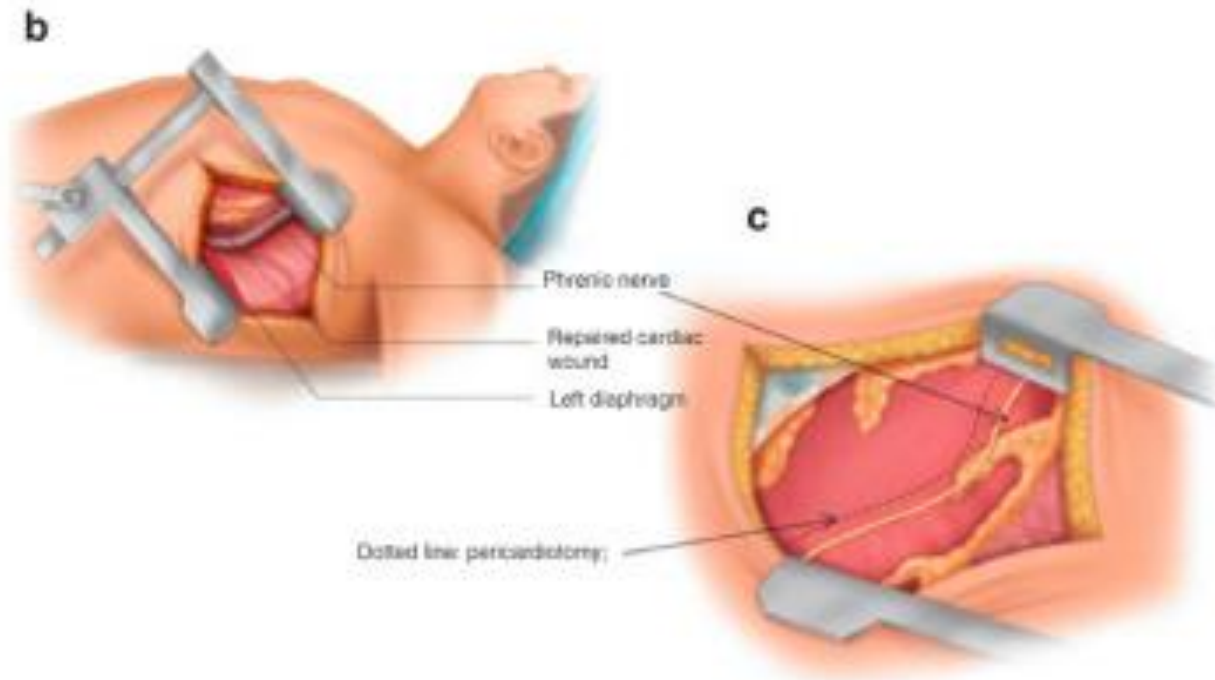
* Naval History and Heritage Command National Archives #80-G-270357



* <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s40719-023-00262-8>

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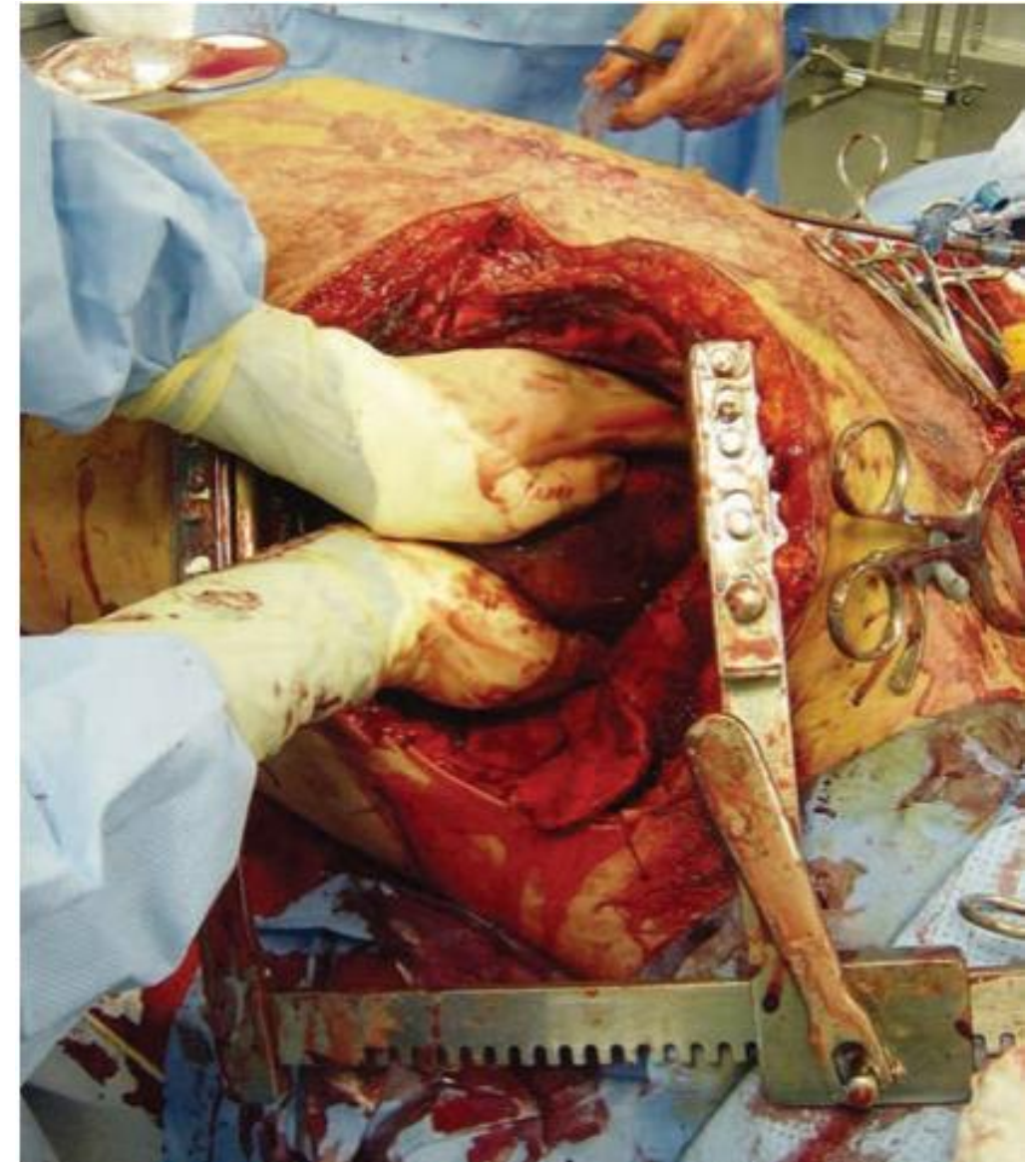
Emergency Department Thoracotomy (Resuscitative Thoracotomy)



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Open cardiac massage

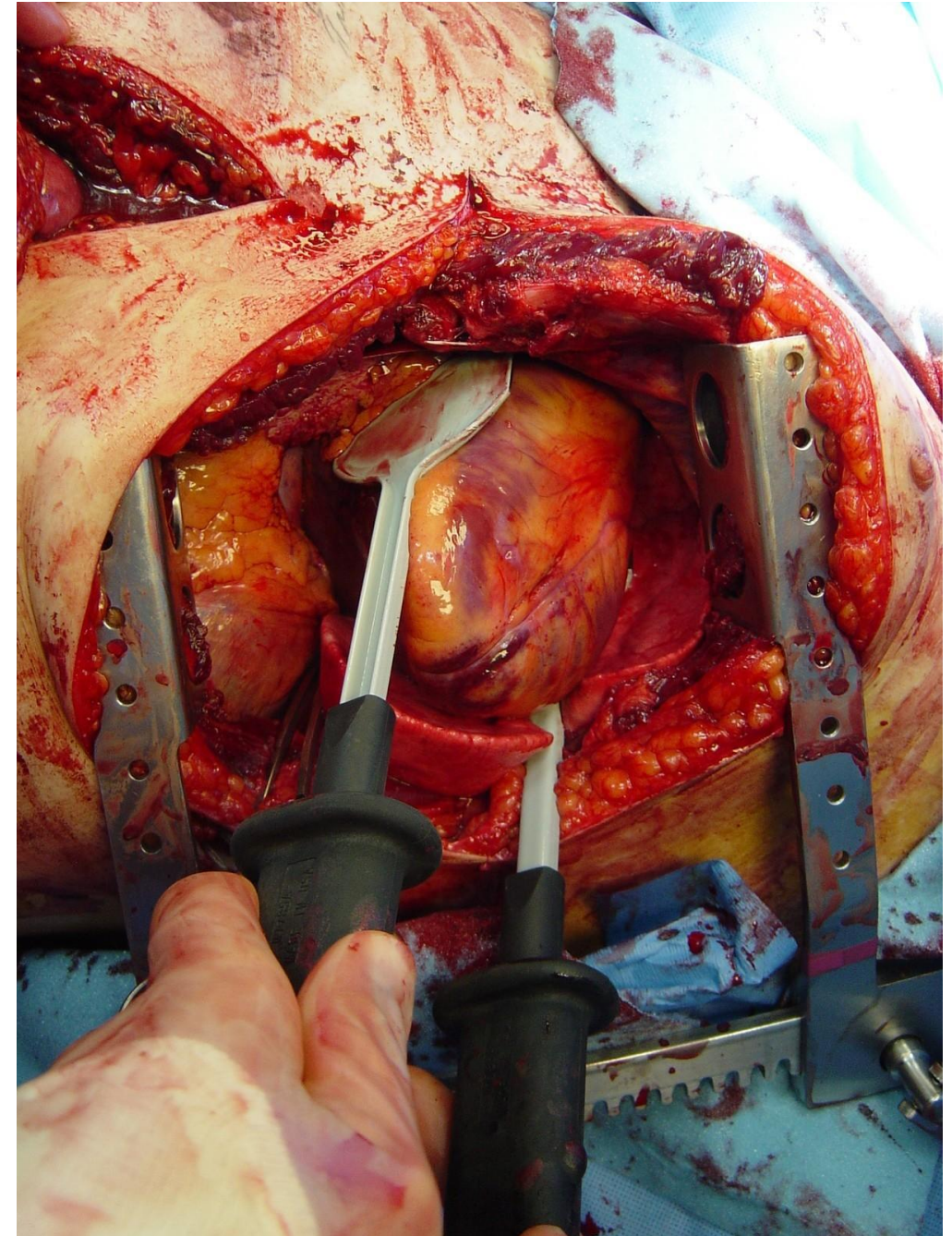
- **In animal studies**
 - External : 25% of CO
 - Open cardiac : 60 to 70% of CO
- **In a small study of 10 patients**
 - Coronary perfusion pr.
: 400% greater with open cardiac



* Hemodynamic effects of closed and open chest cardiac resuscitation in normal dogs and those with acute myocardial infarction." The American journal of cardiology vol. 10 (1962): 555-61.

Open cardiac massage

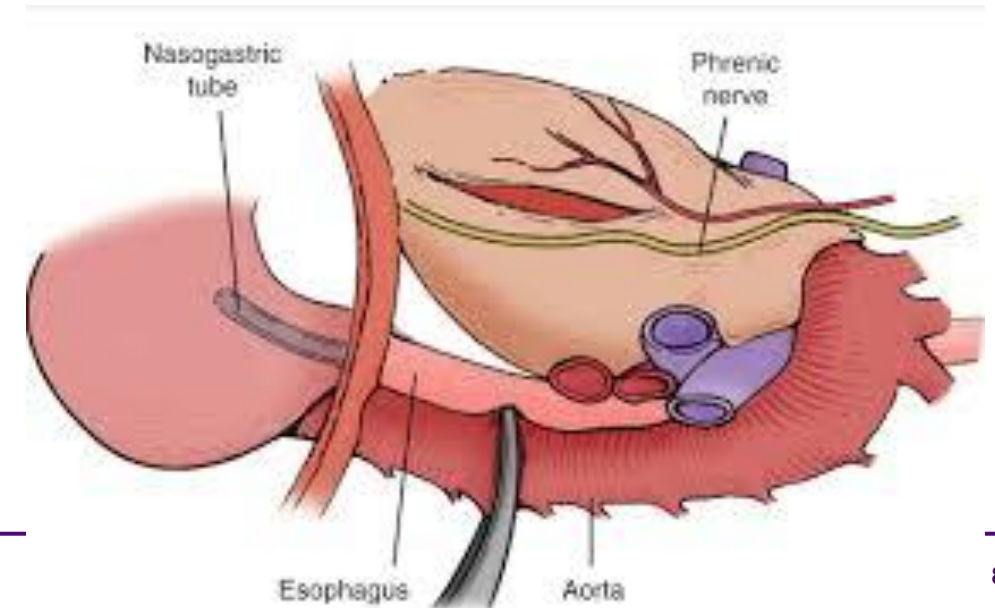
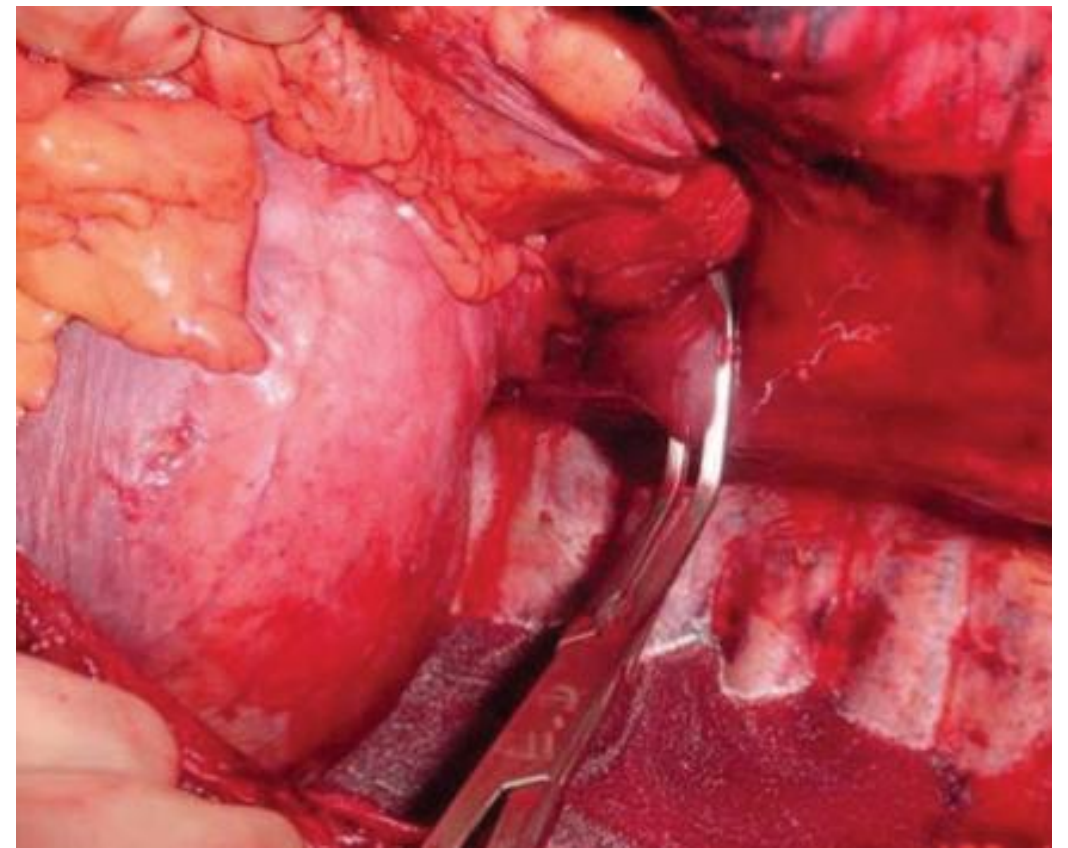
- **Two-hand ("clapping") technique**
The wrists placed together
The thumb adjacent to finger
Apex to base
- **Internal defibrillation (10-50 J)**



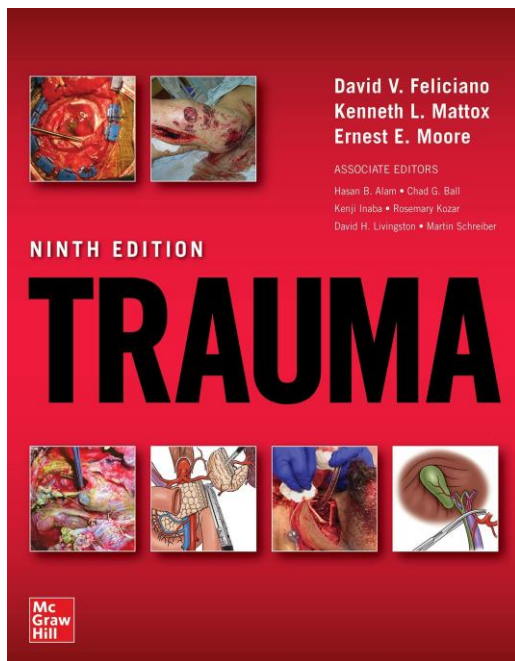
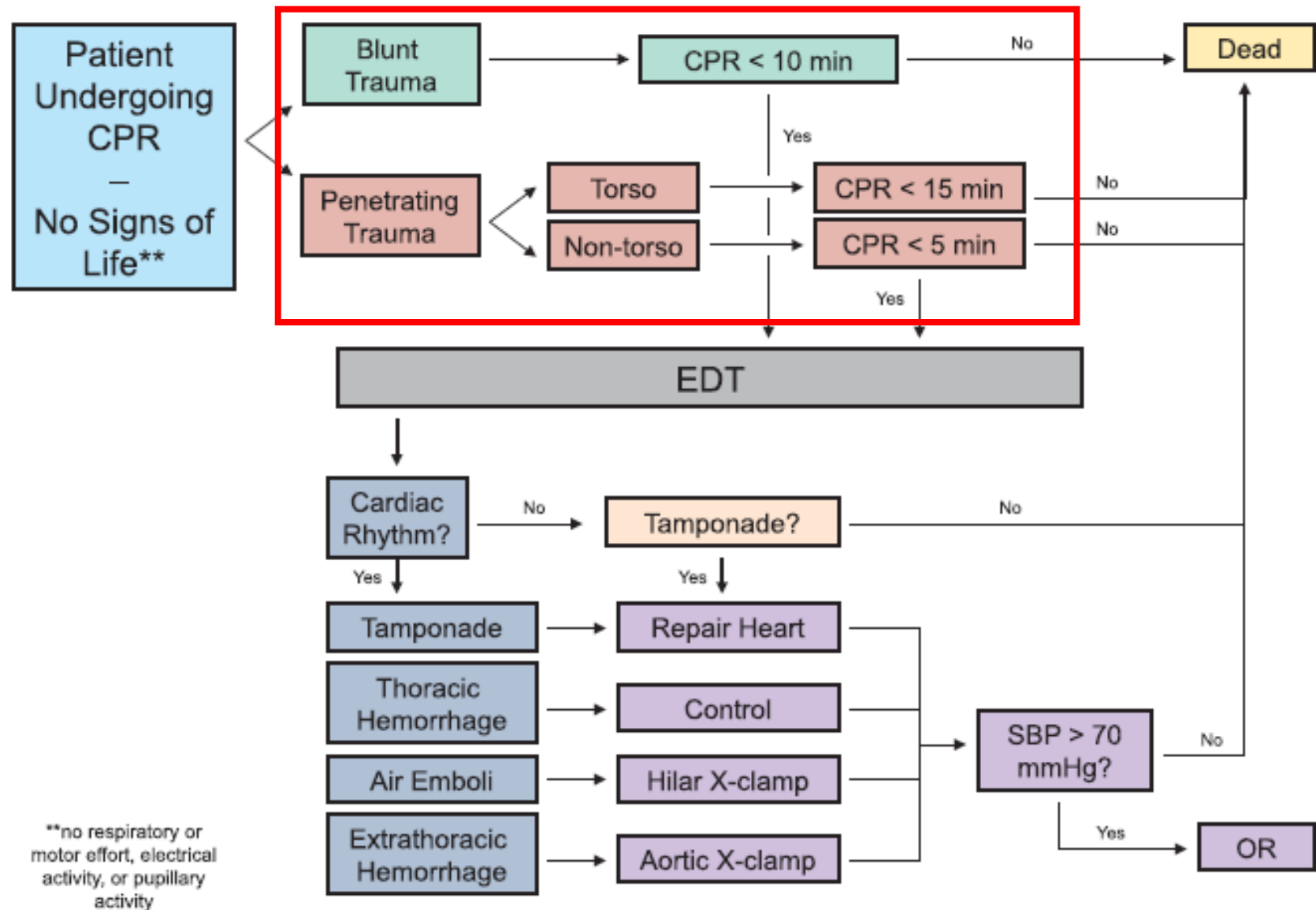
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Aortic Cross Clamping

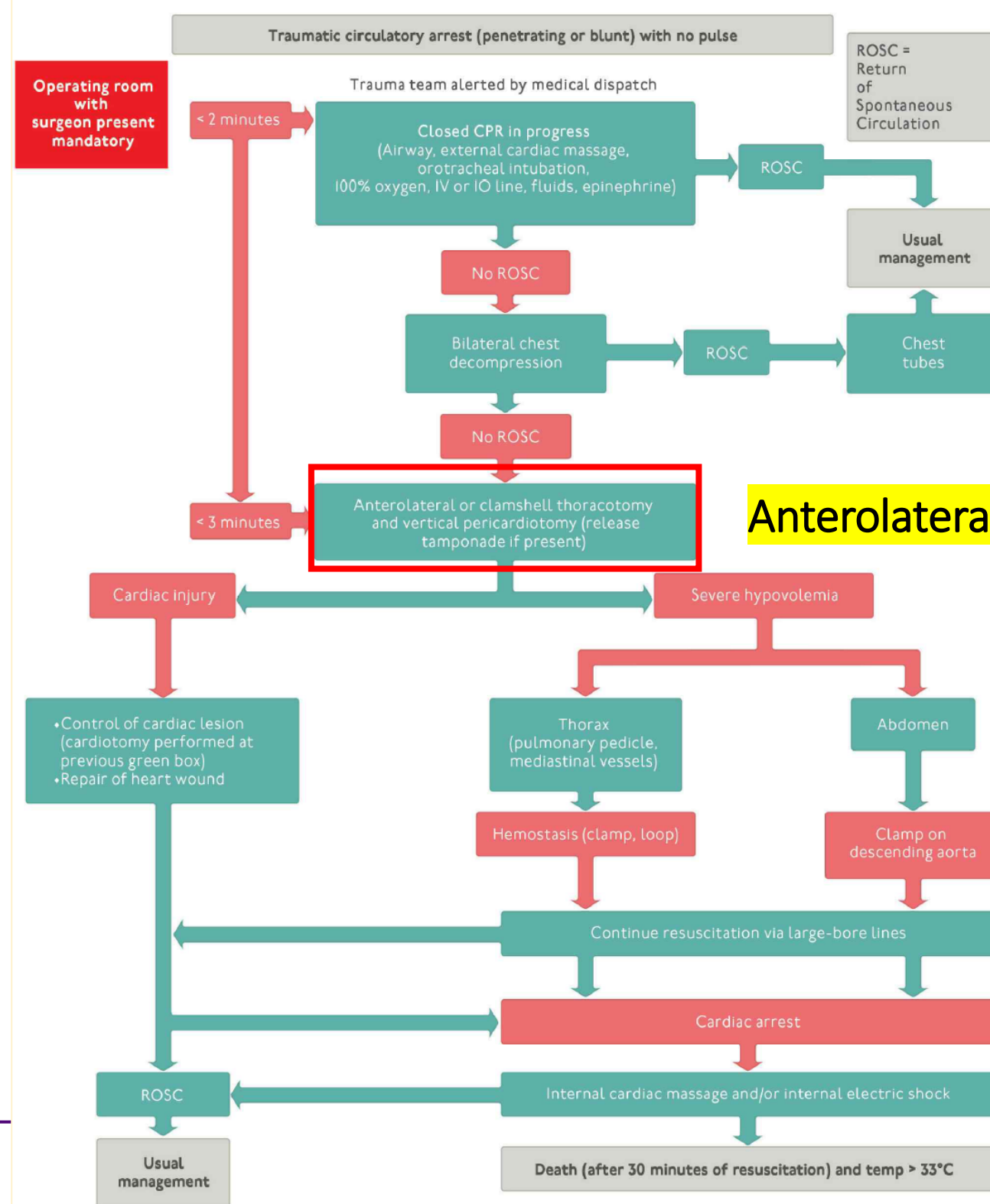
- **Redistribution** (heart & brain)
- Subdiaphragmatic loss **X**
- Just above the **diaphragm**
- No more than **30mins**



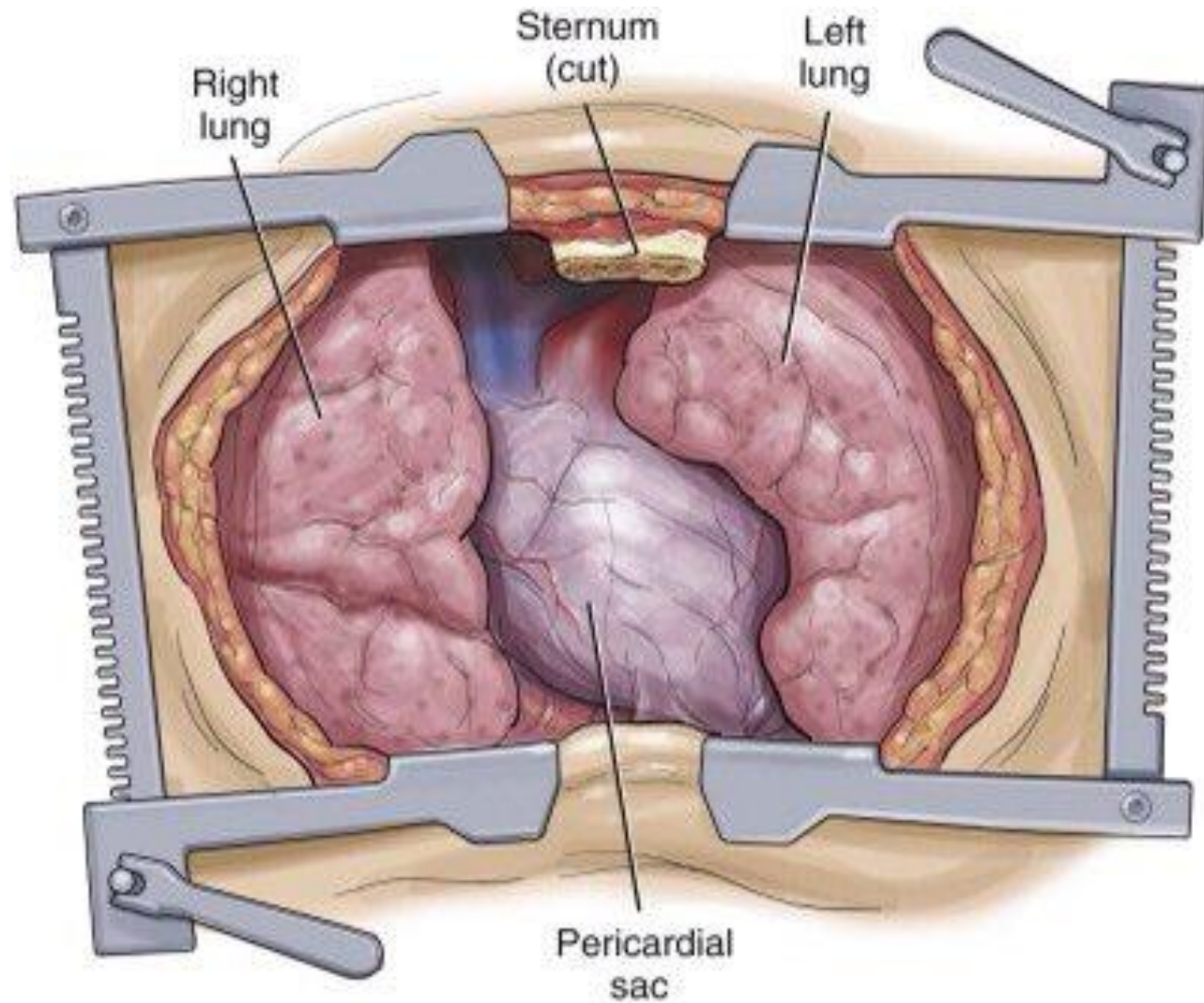
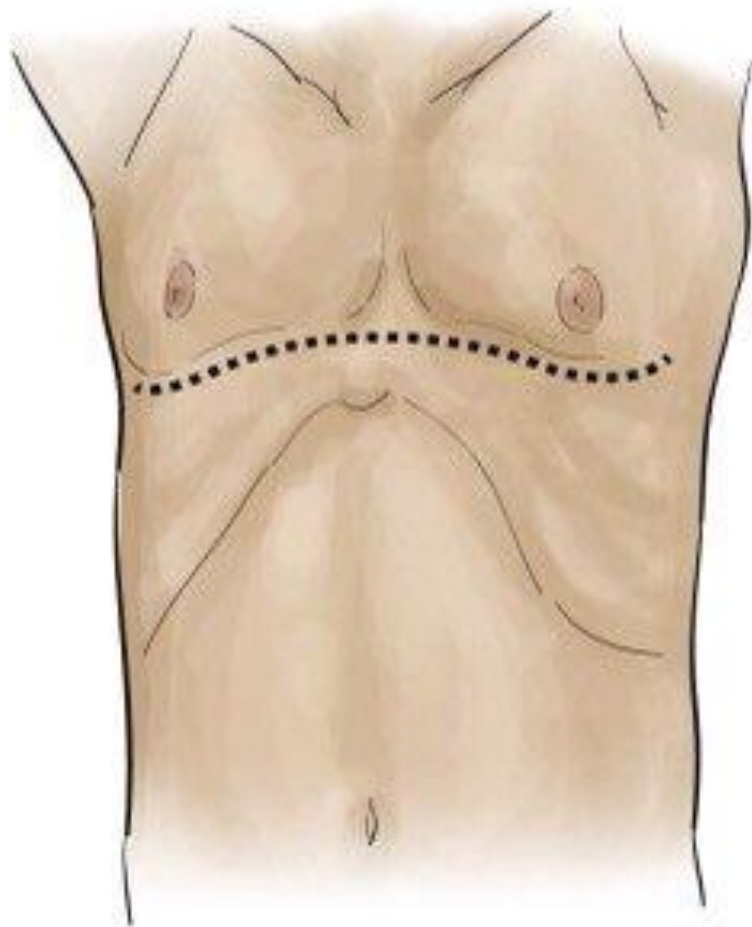
Indication of EDT



ATLS protocol



Bilateral anterior thoracotomy (Clamshell thoracotomy)



* <https://thoracickey.com/cardiac-great-vessel-and-pulmonary-injuries/>

World J Surg. 2013 Jun;37(6):1277-85. doi: 10.1007/s00268-013-1961-5.

Bilateral anterior thoracotomy (clamshell incision) is the ideal emergency thoracotomy incision: an anatomic study

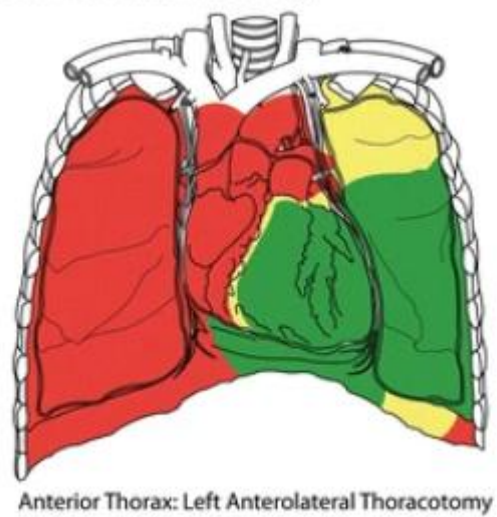
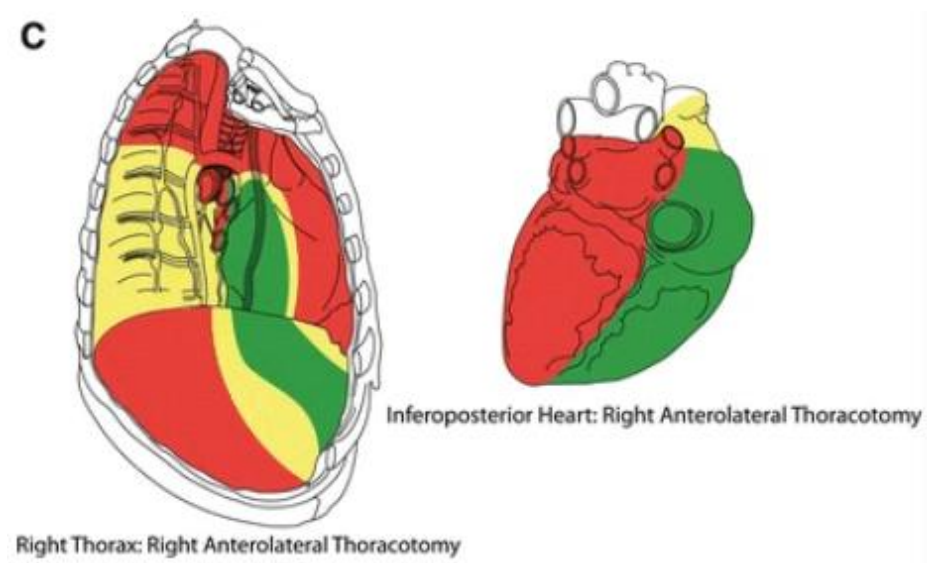
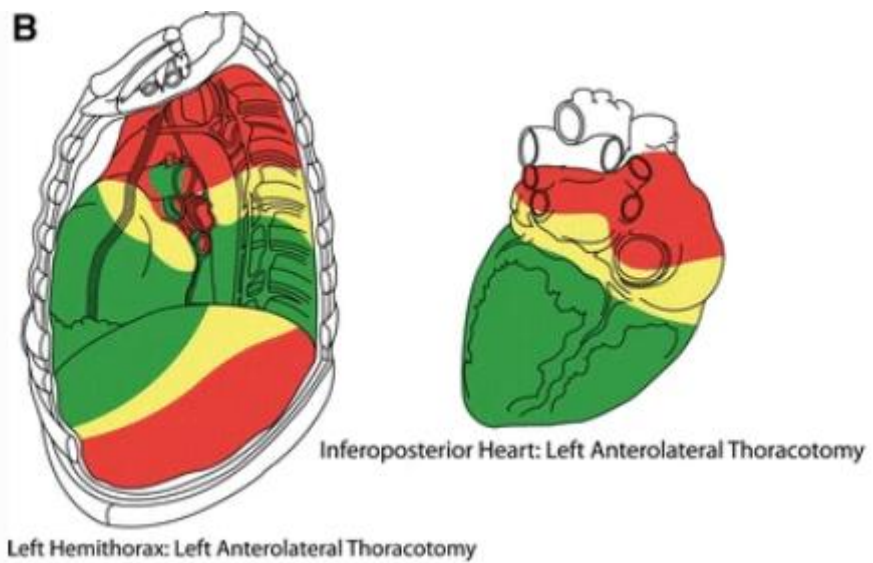
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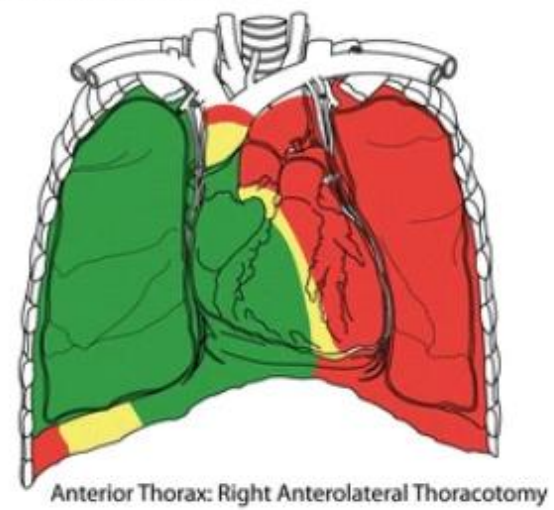
Prospective Randomized Trial of Standard Left Anterolateral Thoracotomy Versus Modified Bilateral Clamshell Thoracotomy Performed by Emergency Physicians

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LAT

RAT

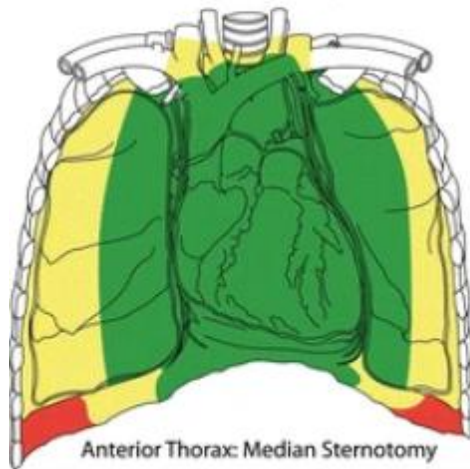




Left Hemithorax: Sternotomy



Right Thorax: Sternotomy



Anterior Thorax: Median Sternotomy



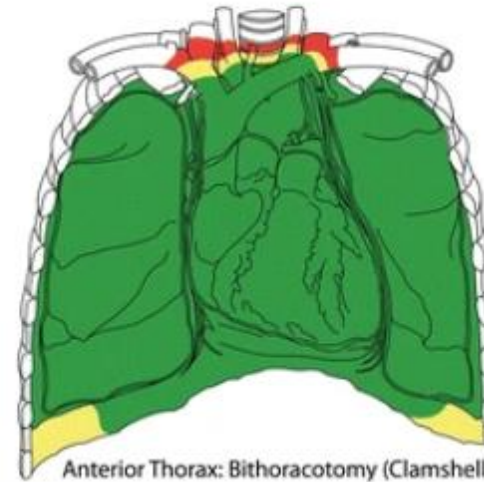
Inferoposterior Heart: Sternotomy



Left Hemithorax: Bithoracotomy (Clamshell)



Right Thorax: Bithoracotomy (Clamshell)



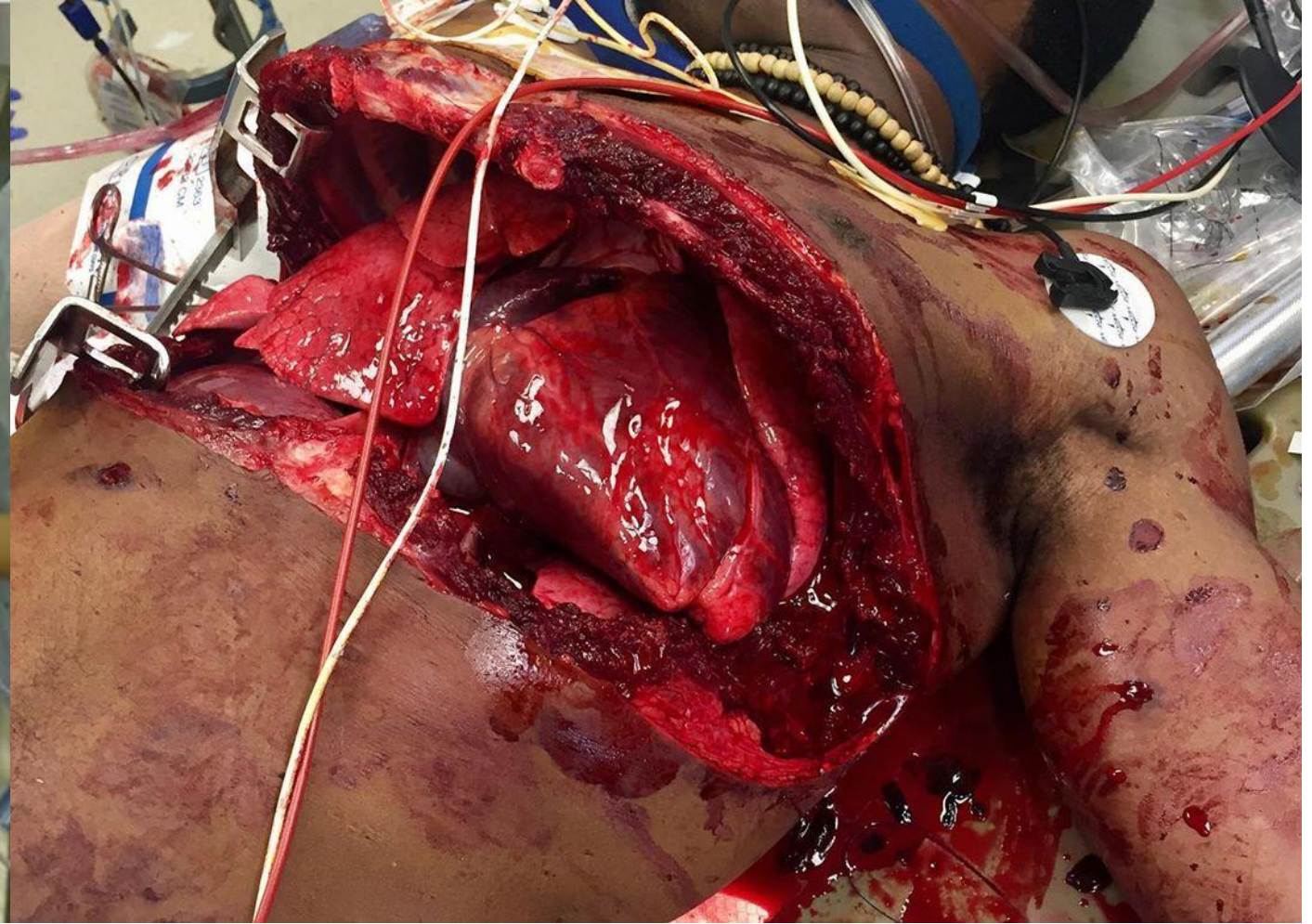
Anterior Thorax: Bithoracotomy (Clamshell)



Inferoposterior Heart: Bithoracotomy

Sternotomy

Clamshell





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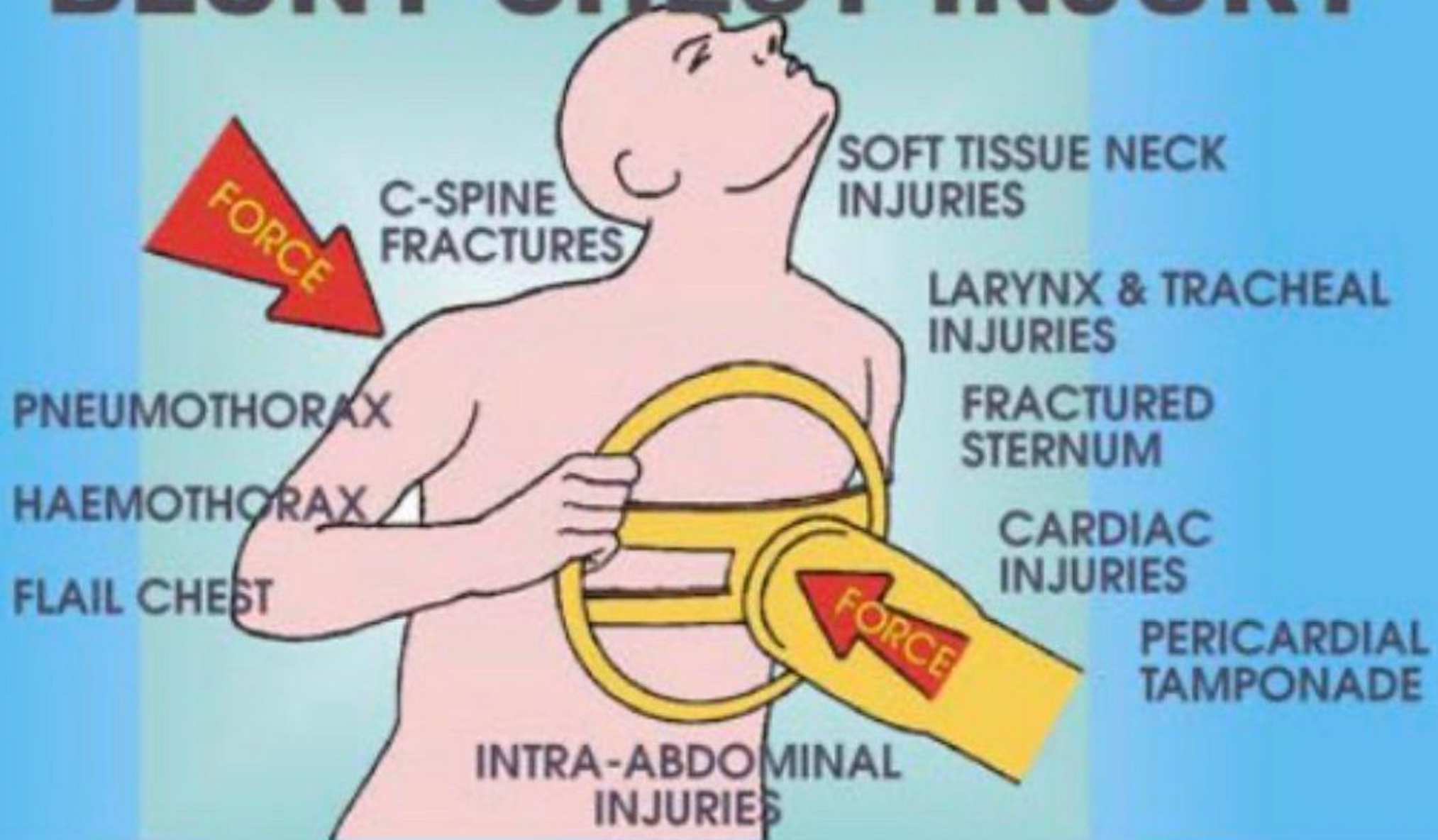
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CHEST TRAUMA

BLUNT CHEST INJURY



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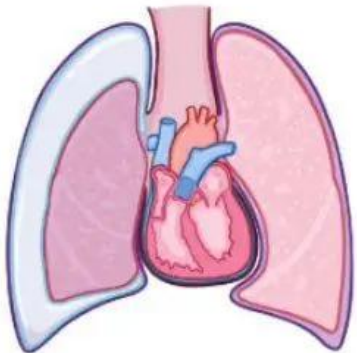
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STABLE

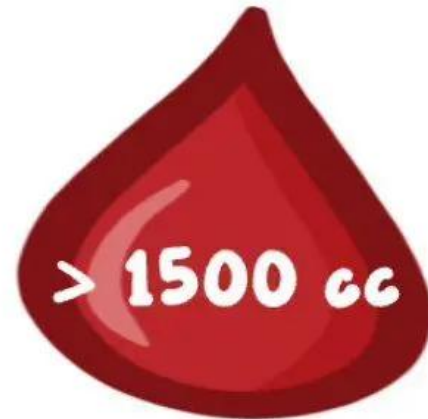


UNSTABLE

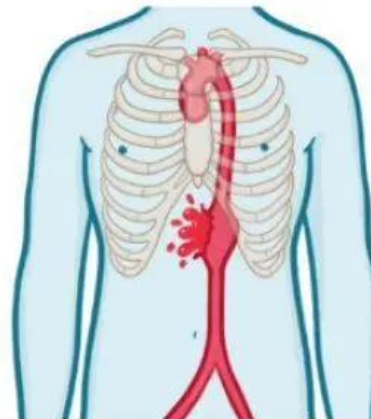
TENSION
PNEUMOTHORAX



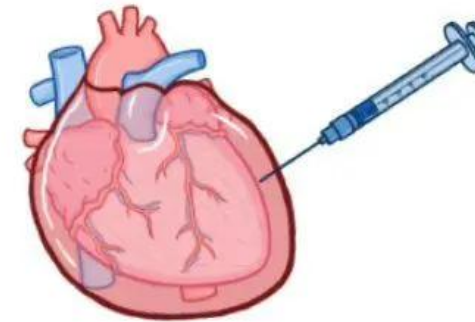
MASSIVE
HEMOTHORAX



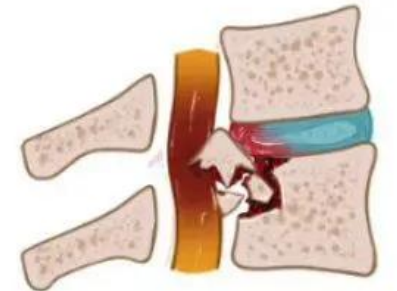
AORTIC
RUPTURE



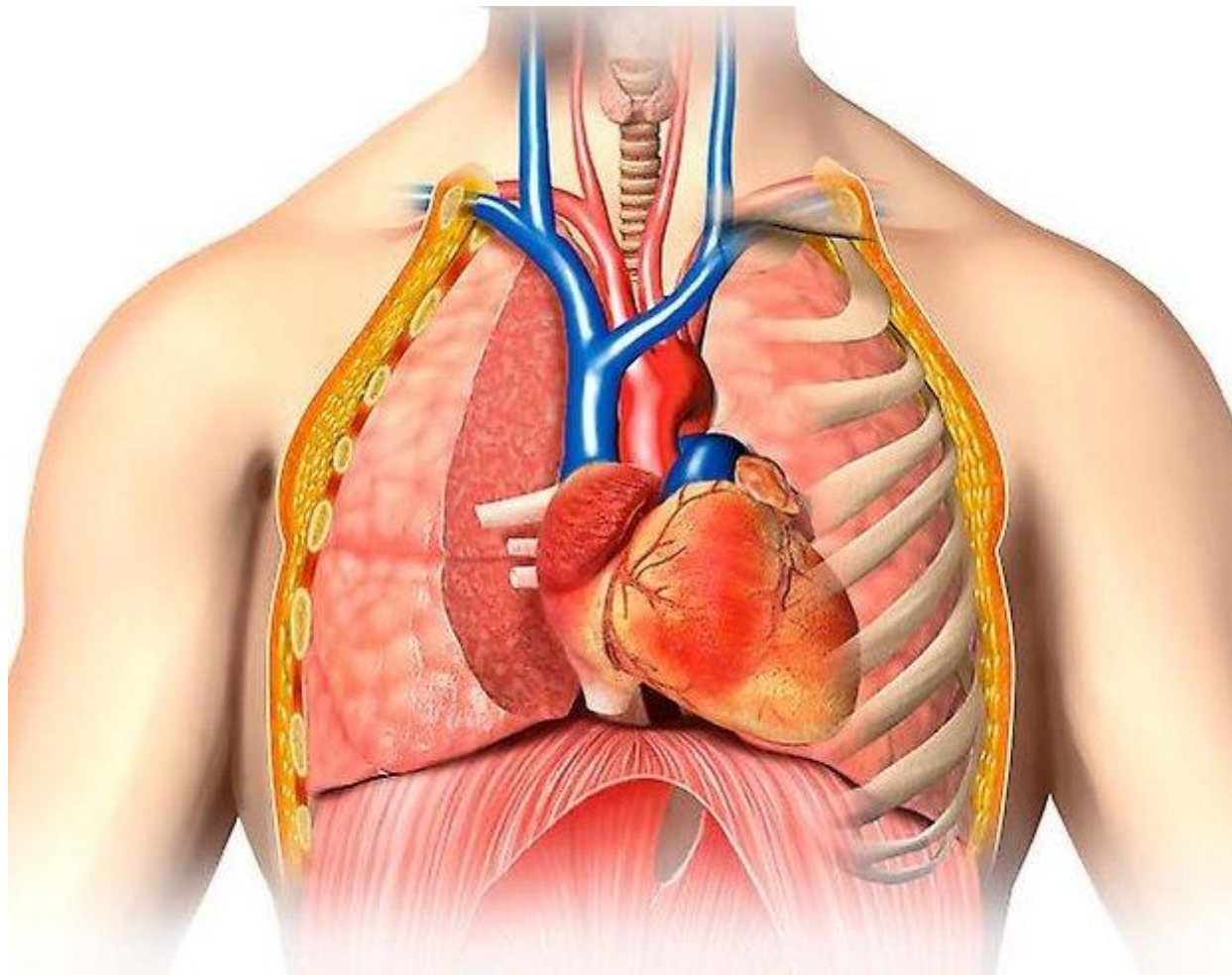
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TAMPONADE



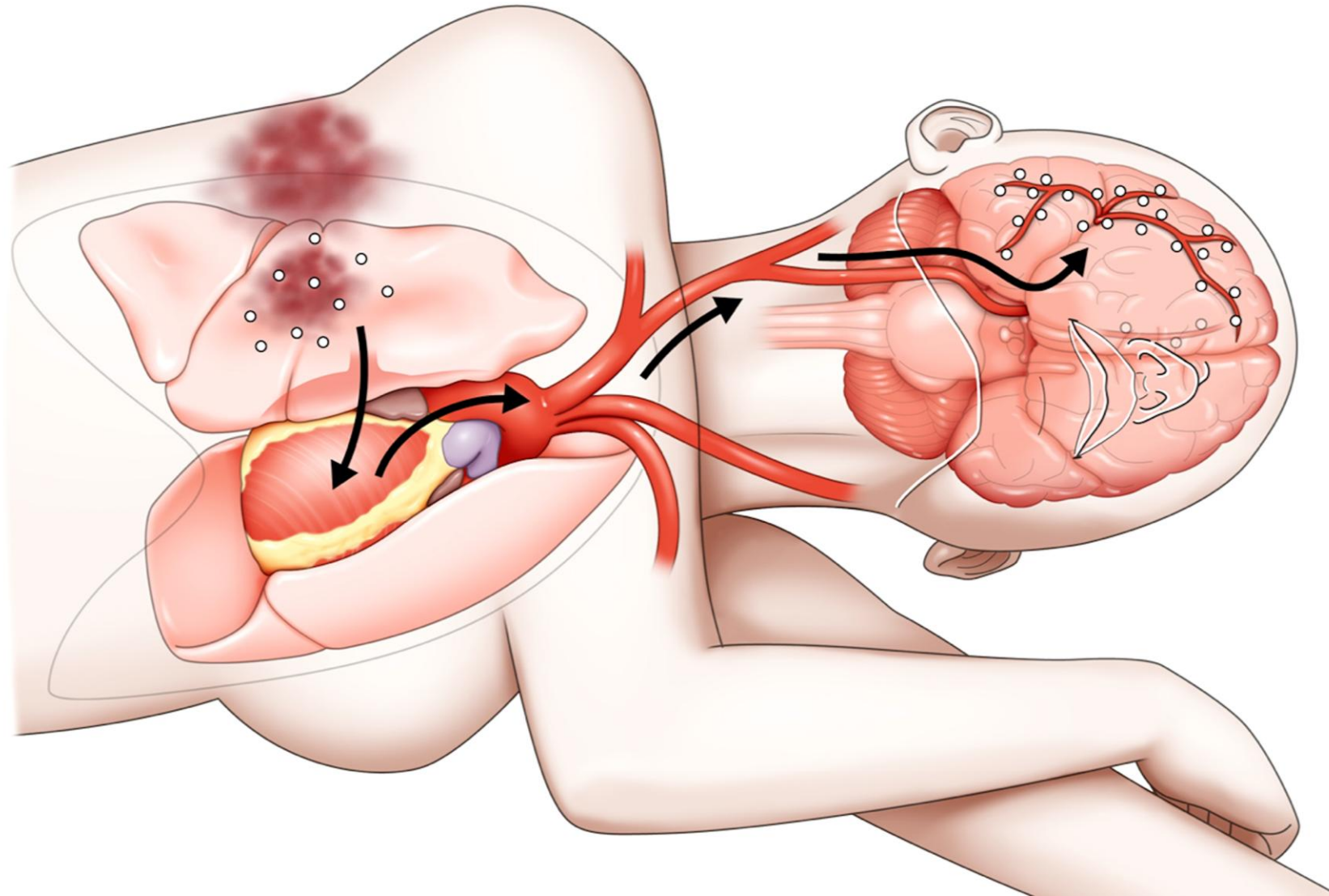
THORACIC
VERTEBRAL
FRACTURE



Penetrating Thoracic Injury

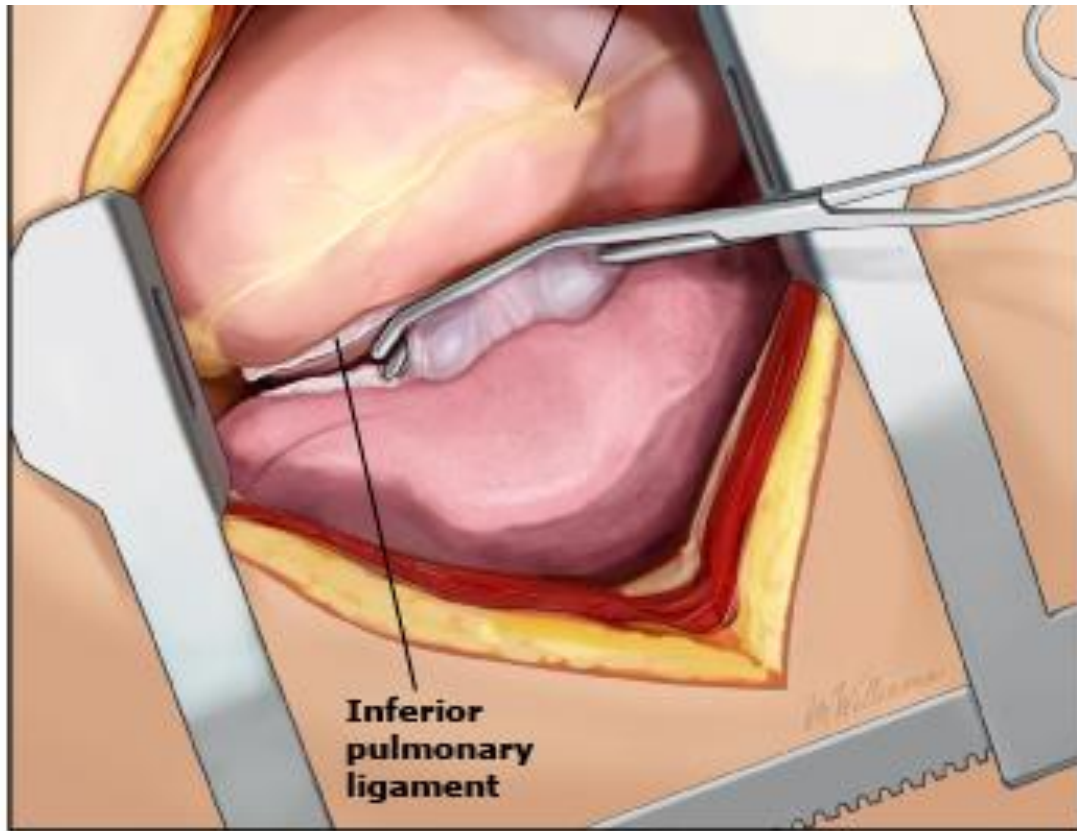


Air Embolism after Thoracic Trauma

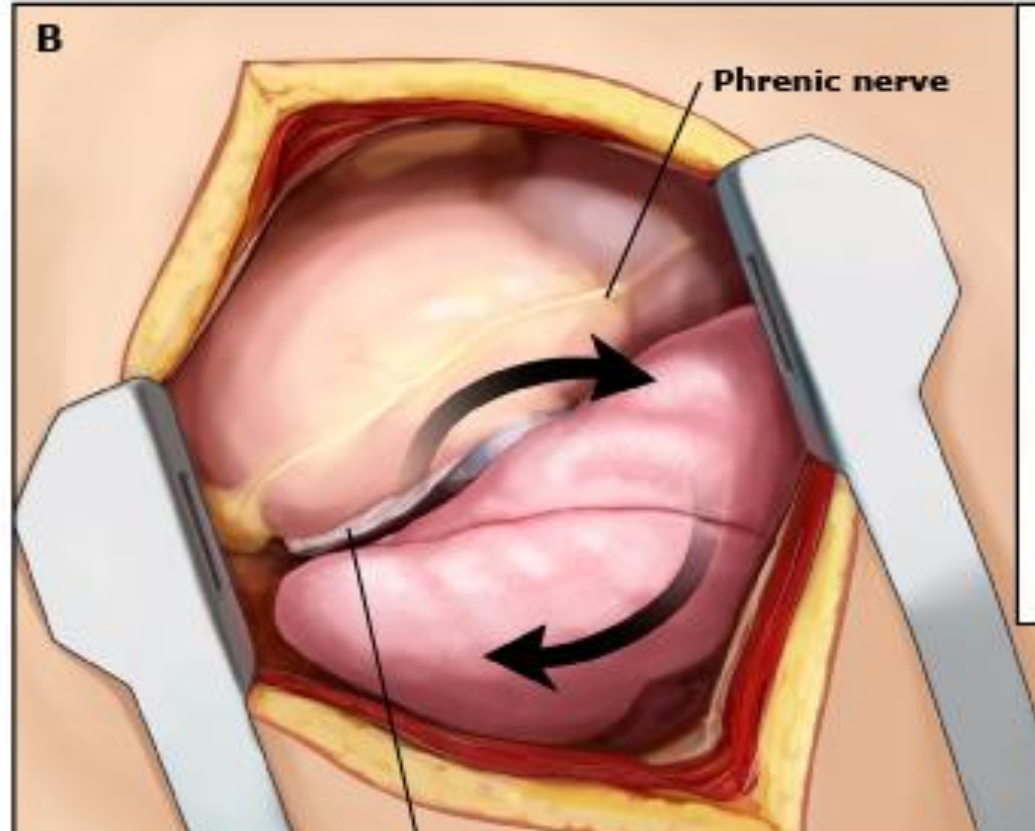


* Persistent Air Embolism after Blunt Chest Trauma with Recovery to Pre-Existing Consciousness Level: A Case Report and Literature Review, Neurotrauma Reports 2022 3:1, 38a-43

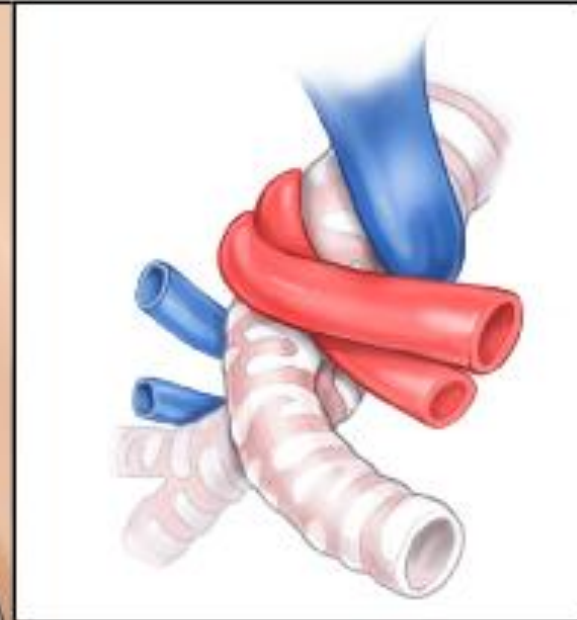
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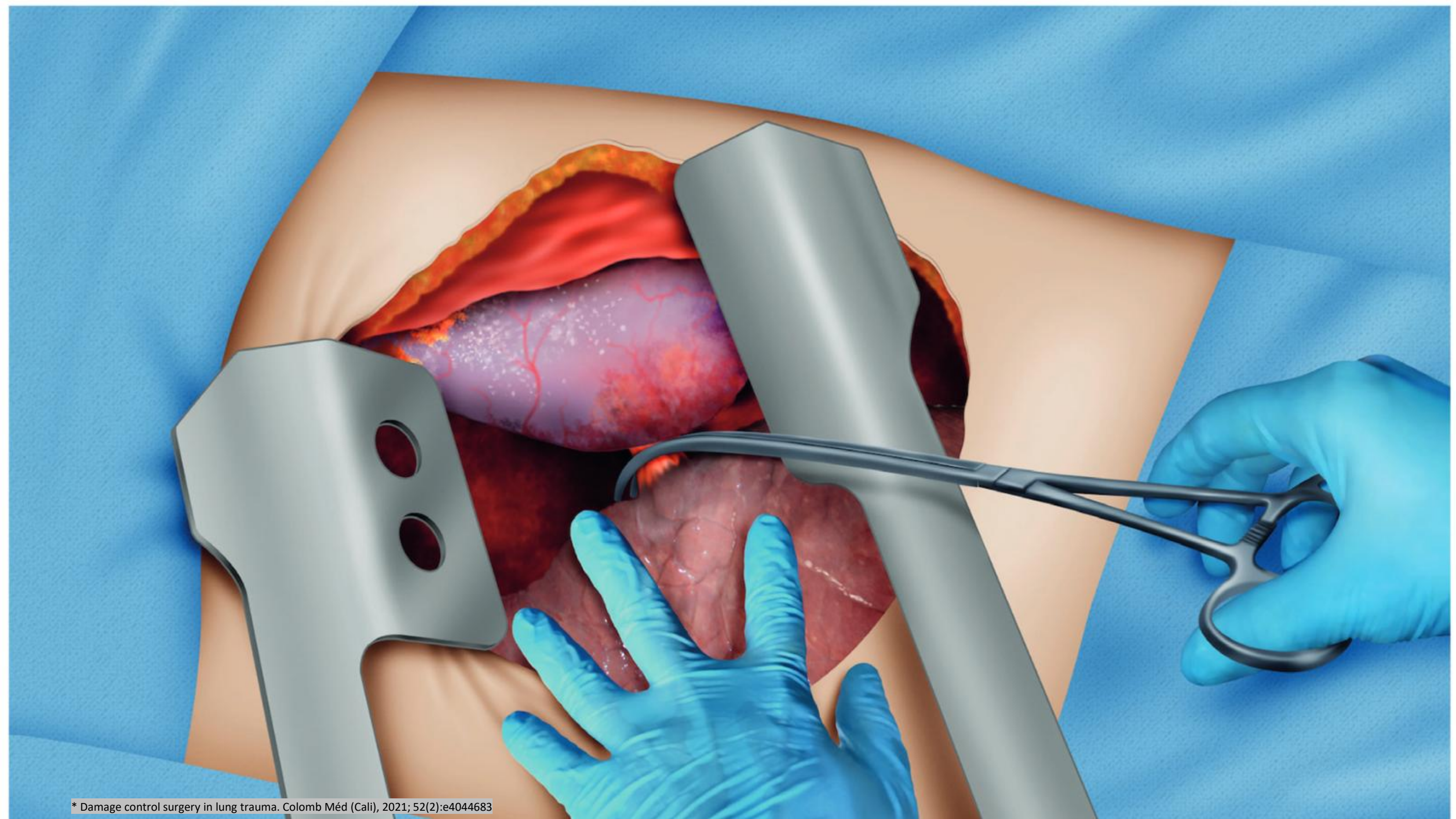


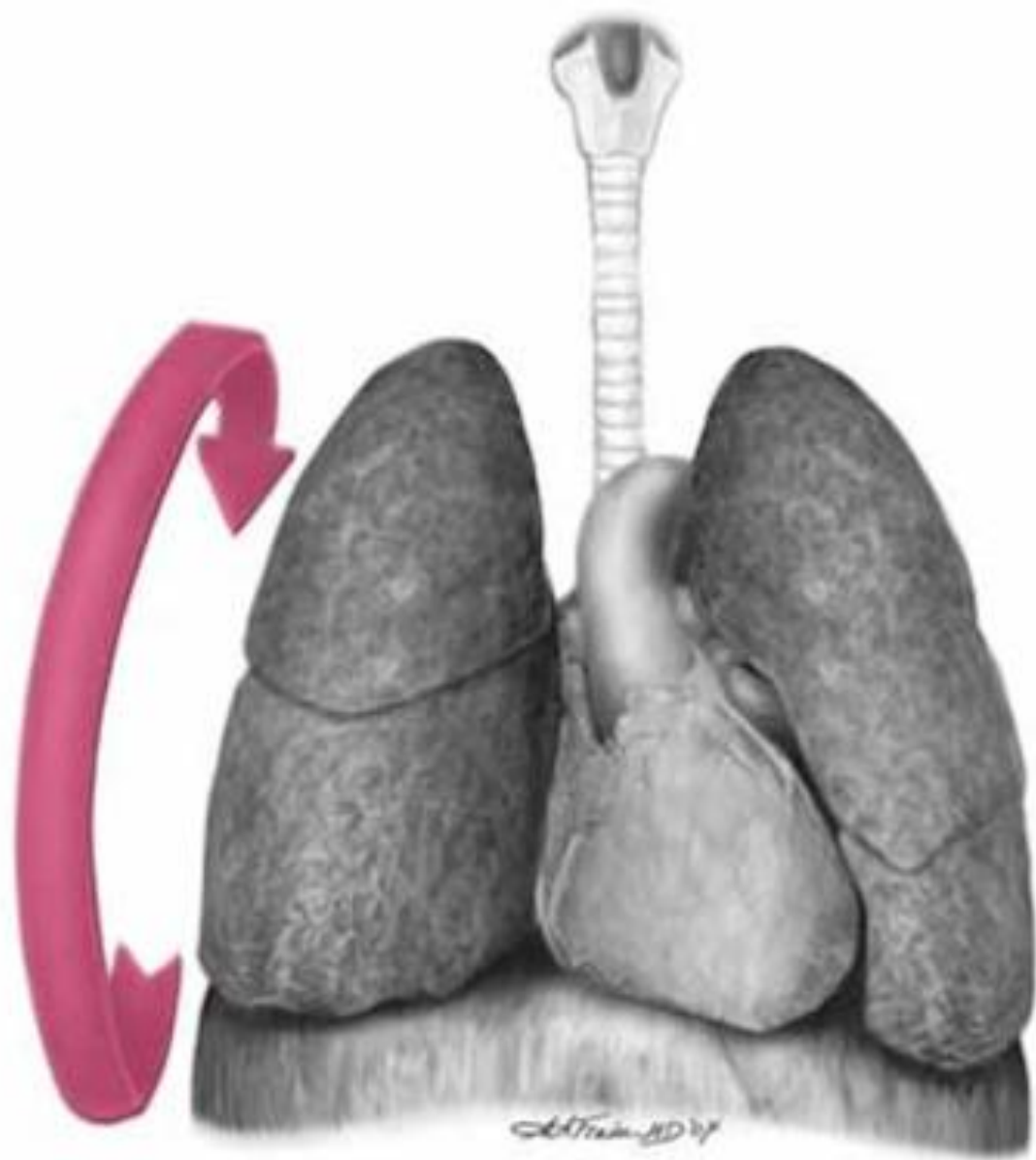
Clamp



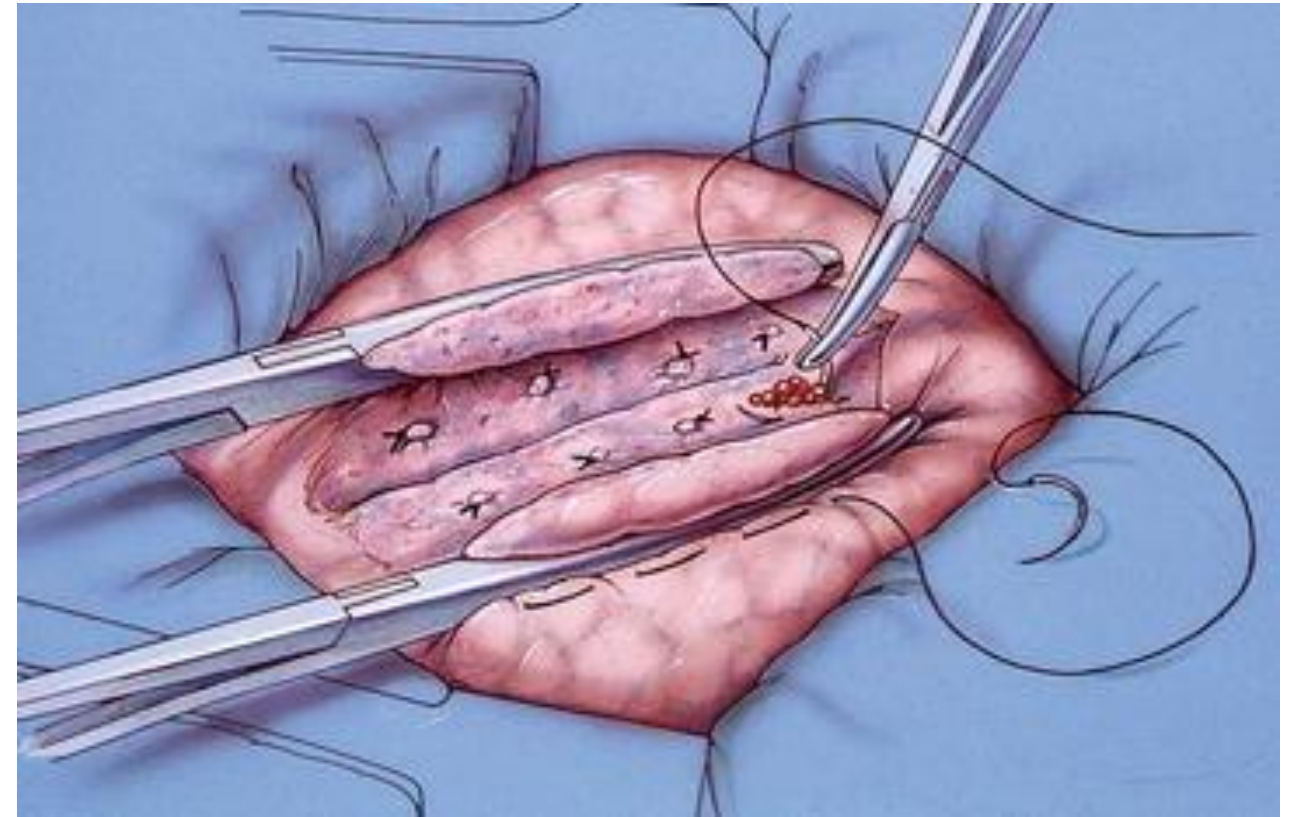
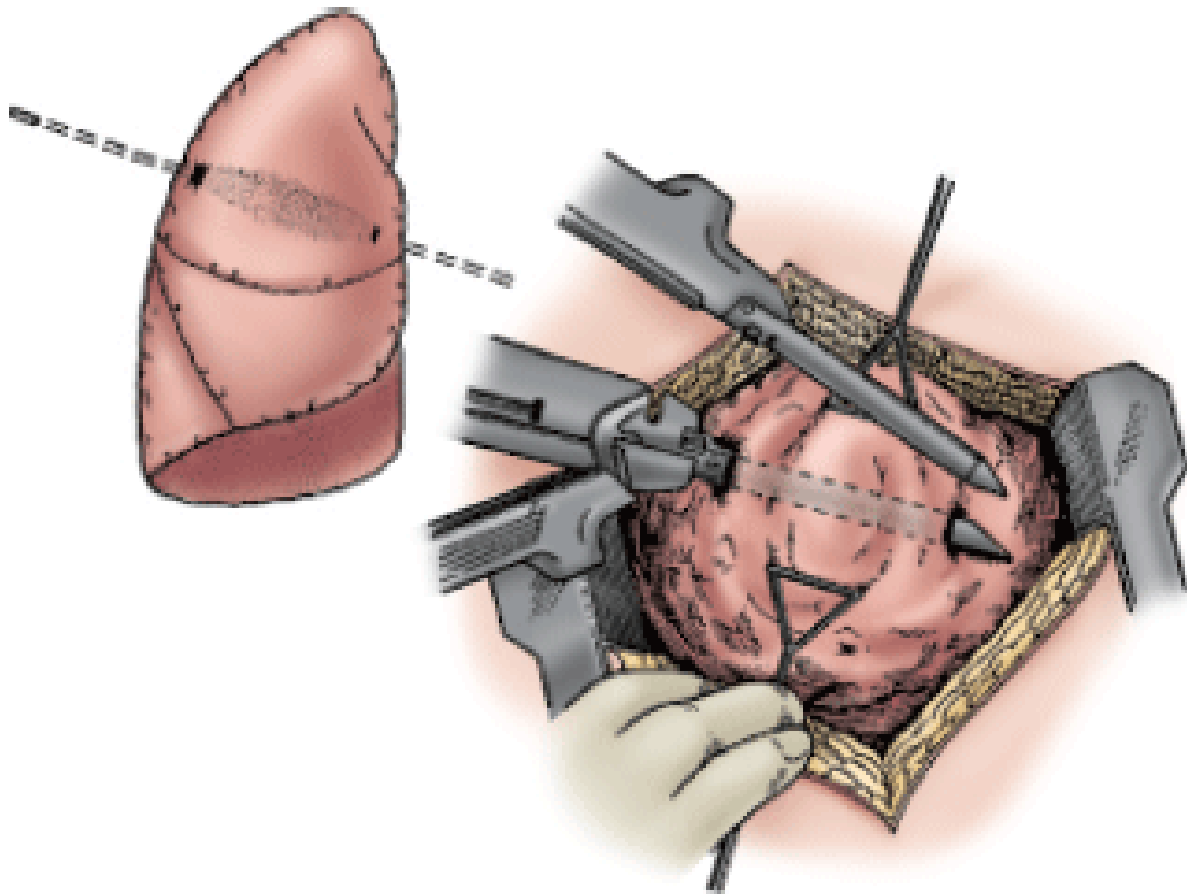
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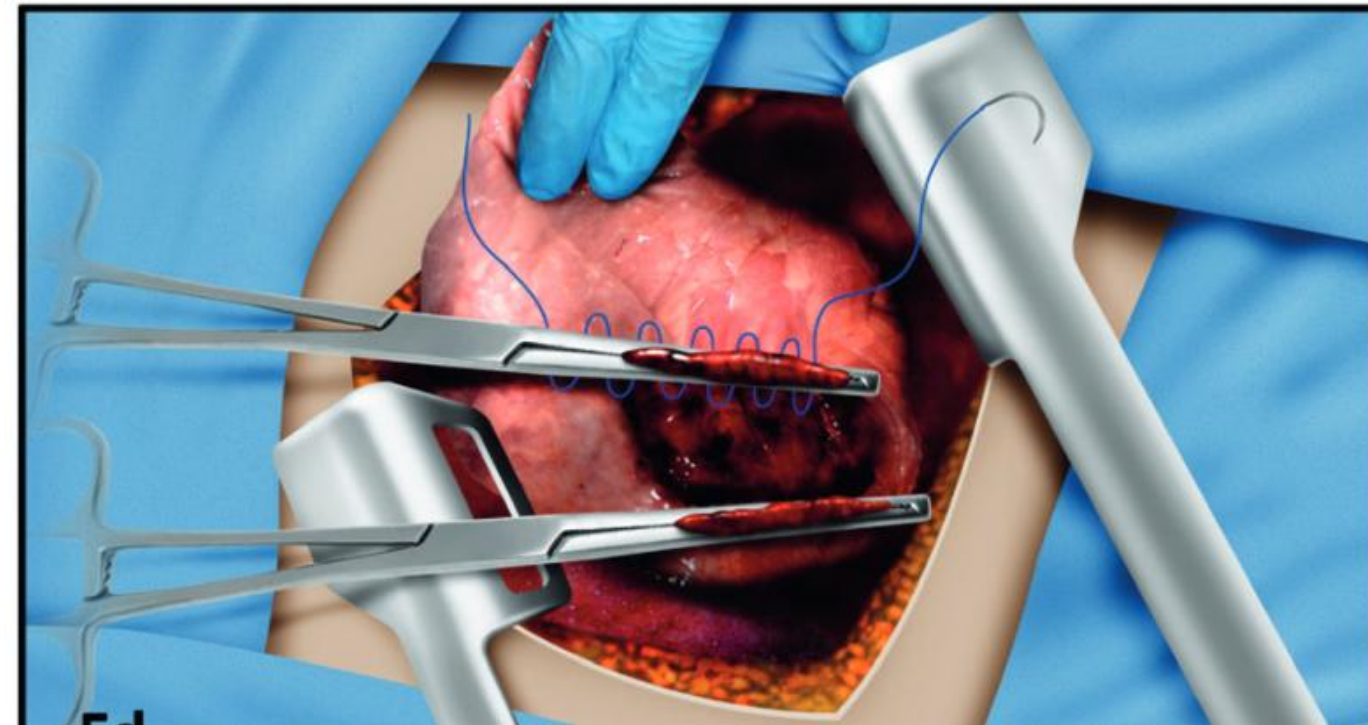
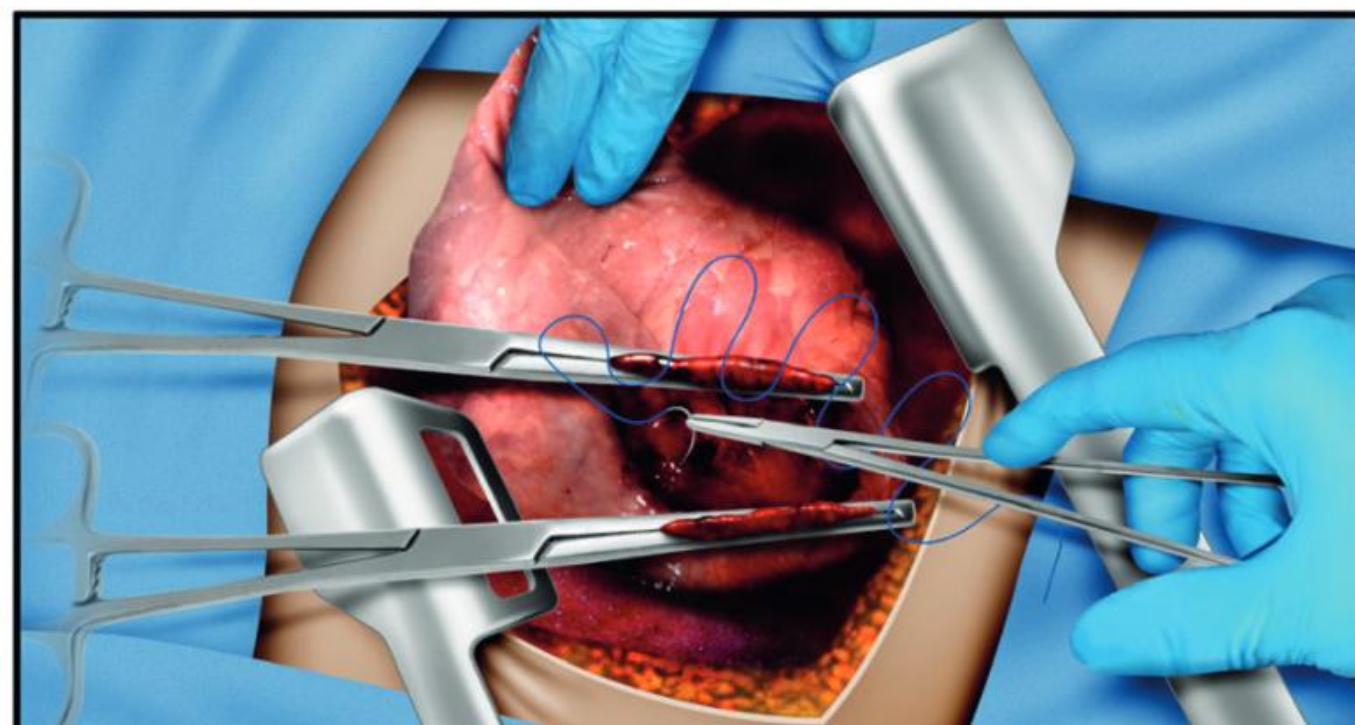
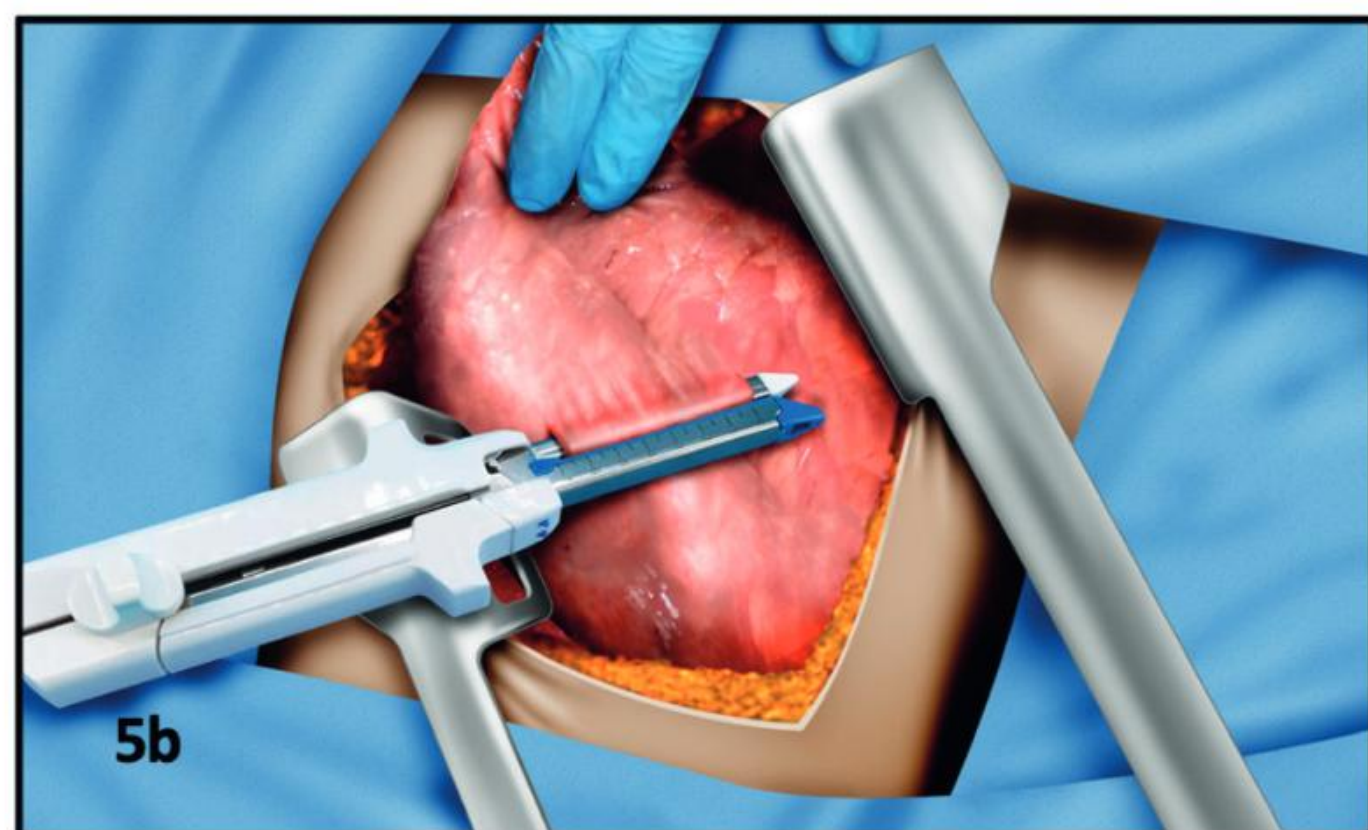
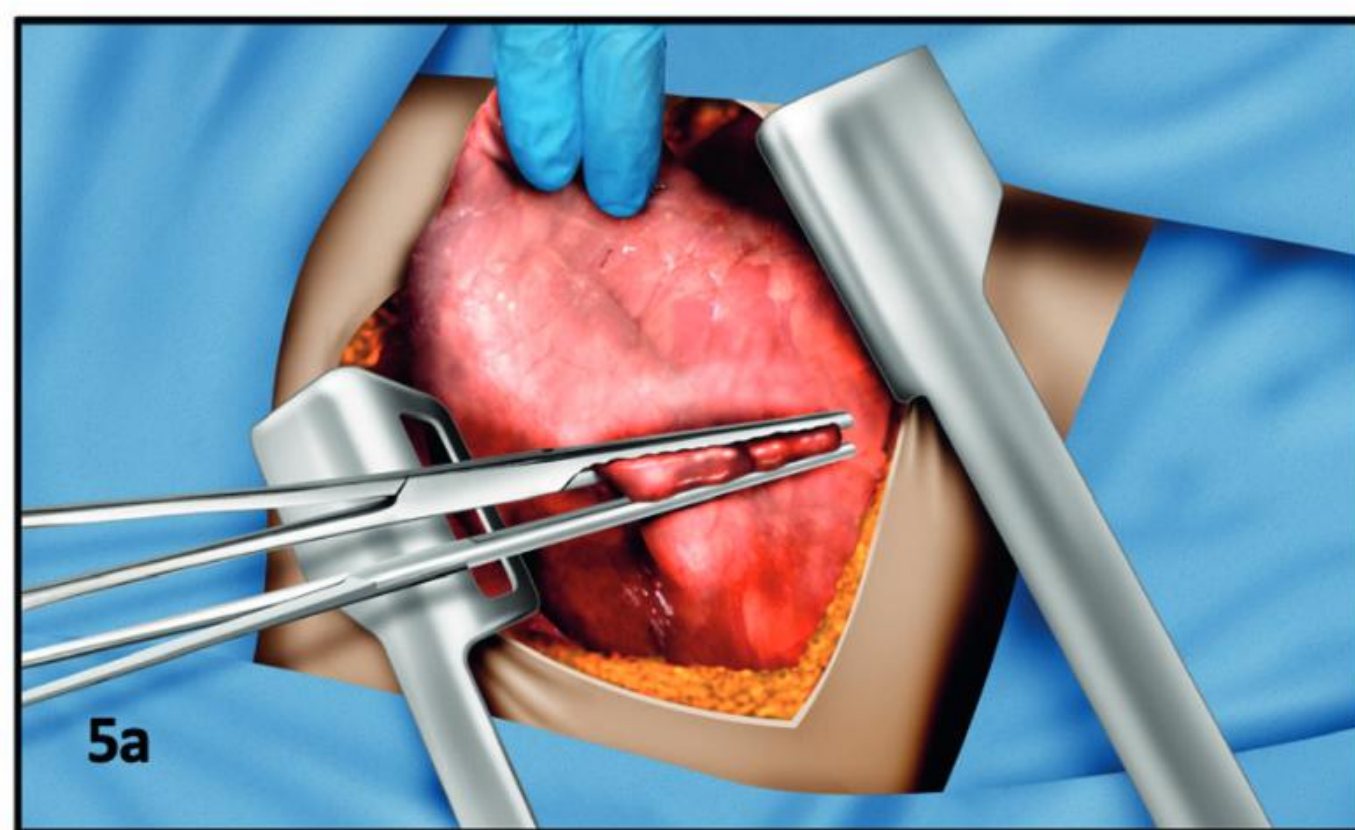


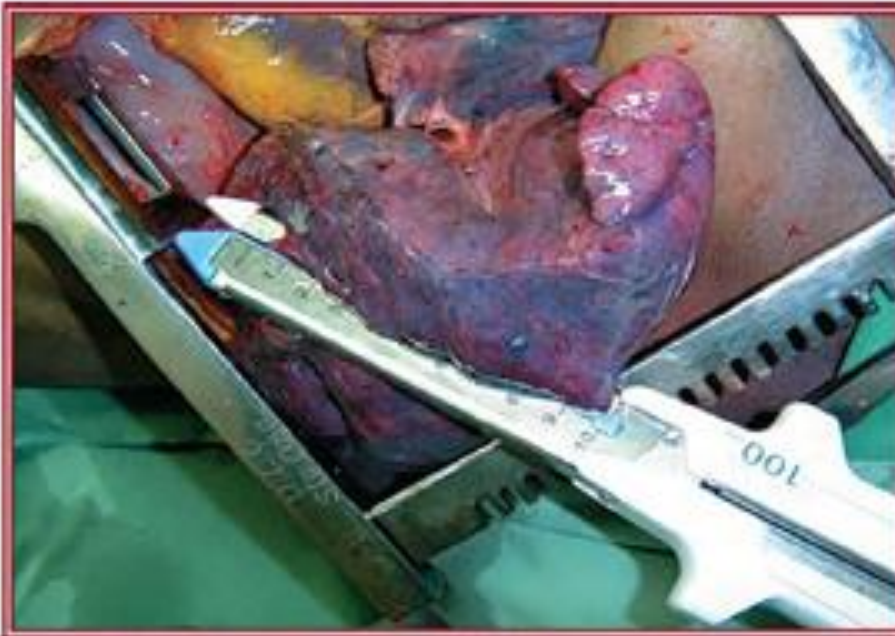


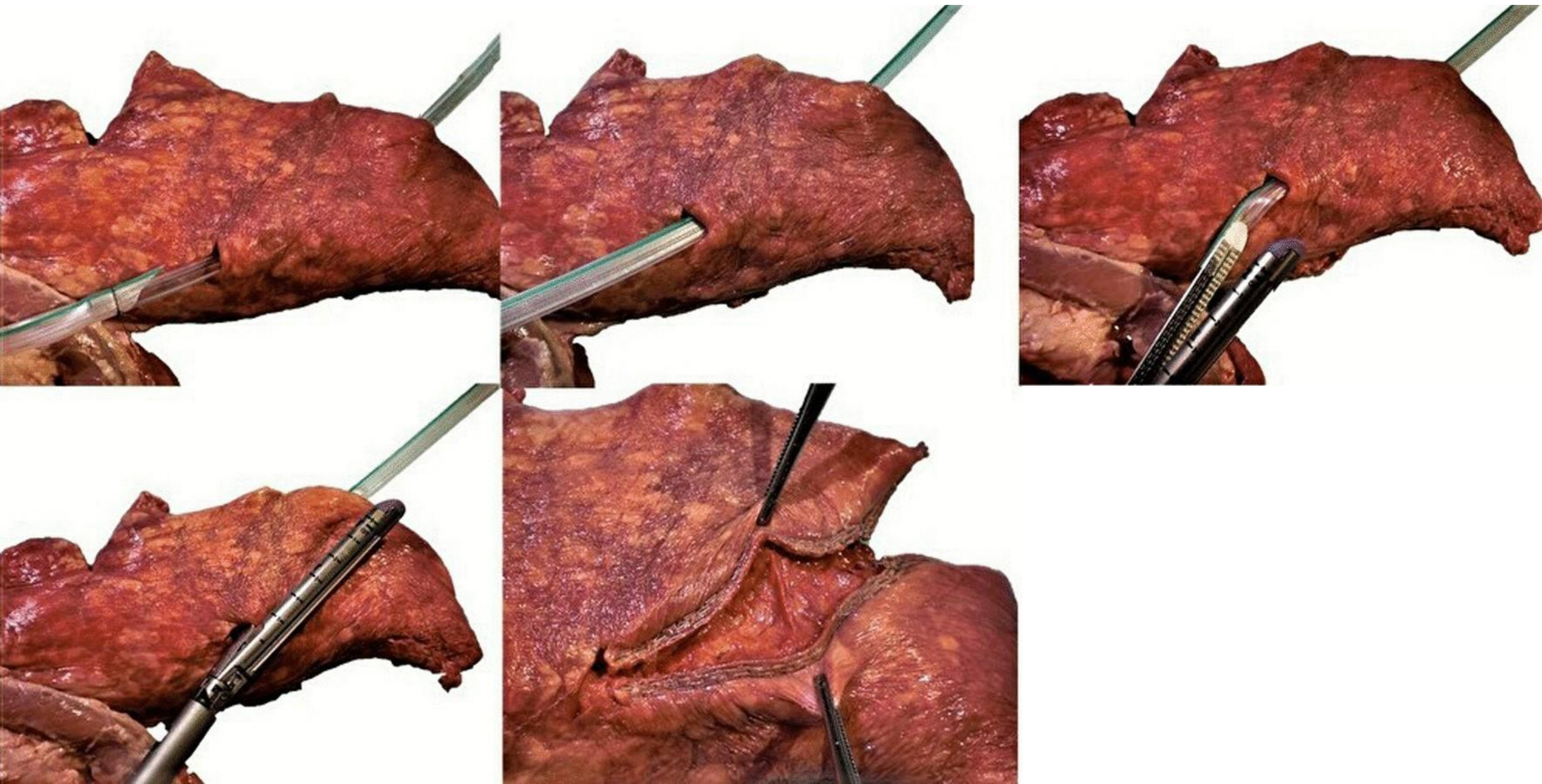


Pulmonary tractotomy



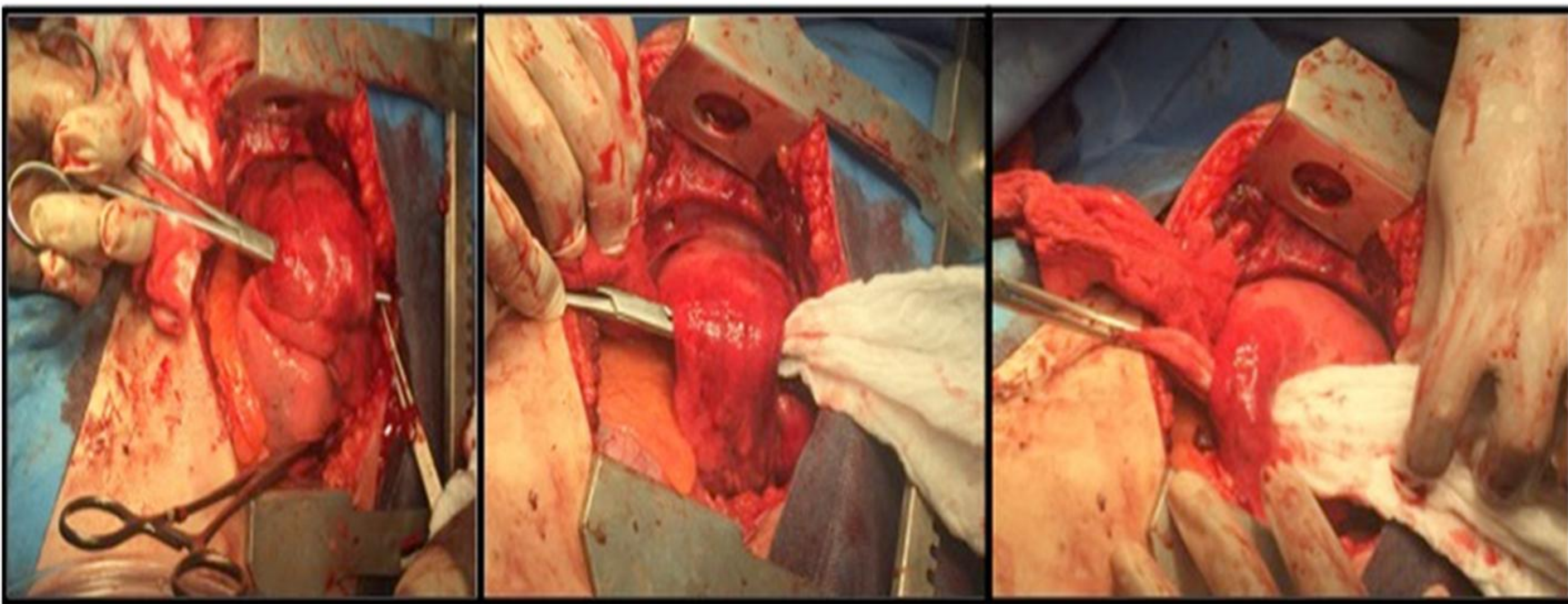








* A clinical series of packing the wound tract for arresting traumatic hemorrhage from injuries of the lung parenchyma as a feasible damage control technique. *World J Emerg Surg* **14**, 52 (2019).



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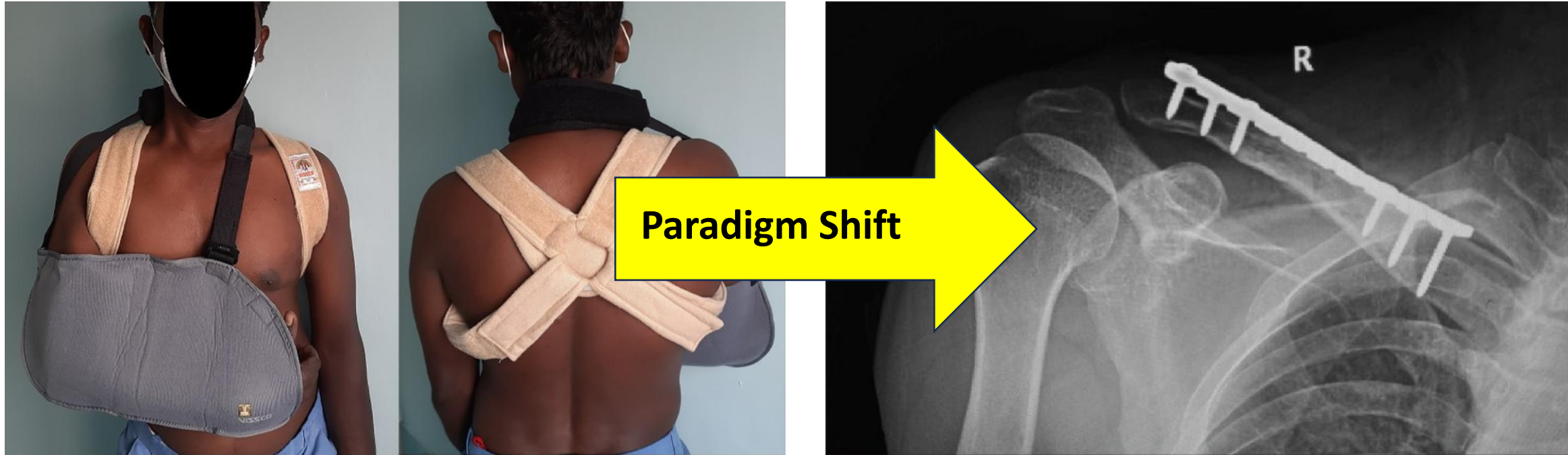
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Clavicle Fracture



* Subramanyam, Koushik Narayan et al. "Displaced midshaft clavicle fractures in adults - is non-operative management enough?." Injury vol. 52,3 (2021): 493-500.

* Schneider, Prism et al. "Operative treatment of displaced midshaft clavicle fractures: has randomised control trial evidence changed practice patterns?." BMJ open vol. 9,9 e031118. 4 Sep. 2019

* Sepehri, Aresh et al. "Assessing the Change in Operative Treatment Rates for Acute Midshaft Clavicle Fractures: Incorporation of Evidence-Based Surgery Results in Orthopaedic Practice." JB & JS open access vol. 8,2 e22.00096. 26 Apr. 2023

Clavicle Fracture

Randomized Controlled Trial

> J Bone Joint Surg Am. 2007 Jan;89(1):1-10.

doi: 10.2106/JBJS.F.00020.

Nonoperative treatment compared with plate fixation of displaced midshaft clavicular fractures. A multicenter, randomized clinical trial

Canadian Orthopaedic Trauma Society

Rate of surgery for midshaft clavicular fracture

- ~ 2007 : 2.2-3.7%
- 2007 ~ : 6.9-34.1% (more than 3x)

Operative versus nonoperative treatment of multiple simple rib fractures: A systematic review and meta-analysis

Mathieu M E Wijffels¹, Jonne T H Prins², Eva J Perpetua Alvino³, Esther M M Van Lieshout⁴

Pneumonia ↓
Mortality ↓
Hospital length of stay ↓

Epub 2021 Dec 20.

Surgical management of multiple rib fractures in trauma: a systematic review of randomised controlled trials

Benefit $\geq$ Risk

ICU length of stay ↓

S Craxford¹, D Owyang¹, B Marson², K Rowlinson¹, T Coughlin¹, D Forward¹, B Ollivier²

> J Trauma Acute Care Surg. 2023 Apr 1;94(4):538-545. doi: 10.1097/TA.0000000000003828.

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Outcomes of surgical versus nonsurgical treatment for multiple rib fractures: A US hospital matched cohort database analysis

Home discharge ↓
Lung-related readmissions ↓

Adam M Shiroff¹, Simone Wolf, Alex Wu, Mollie Vanderkarr, Manoranjith Anandan, Jill W Ruppenkamp, Thibaut Galvain, Chantal E Holy

Stabilization, **NOT** Fixation

Fixation

- Anatomical reduction
- Mechanical fixation
- Traditional orthopedic concept

→ Restoration of structural continuity at the fracture site

Stabilization

- Restoration of chest wall stability
- Re-establishment of respiratory physiology
- Comprehensive concept

→ Restoration of the biomechanical stability of the chest wall

Surgical Stabilization of Rib Fractures (SSRF)

늑골골절 관혈적 정복술의 급여기준

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2019년 1월 1일 신설

1. 적응증

가. **3개 이상의 늑골골절**이 편측에 있으며, 다음의 1)~4) 중 하나에 해당되는 경우

- 다 음 -

- 1) 동요흉으로 **인공호흡기** 제거(weaning)가 72시간 이내에 불가능한 것으로 확인된 경우
- 2) 2개 이상의 늑골에 **중복분절골절**이 존재하여 기호흡(paradoxical respiration)을 보이는 동요흉(flail chest)인 경우
- 3) **양측** 전방(bilateral costochondral separation) 또는 전측방(antero-lateral)의 다발성 불안정 골절이 확인된 경우
- 4) **전위**가 심하여 불유합(nonunion) 또는 부정유합(malunion)이 흉곽기형을 초래할 경우로서 급성기 **통증**조절에 실패*한 경우

* IV PCA, PCEA, IV/PO NSAID 등 통증조절을 충분히 하였음에도 6점 이상의 Pain score가 수상 후 3일(72시간)을 초과하여 지속되는 경우

나. 늑골골절로 인한 **흉강 내 장기 손상**으로 개흉술을 시행한 경우

다. 흉부 둔상에 의한 흉강 내 장기 손상으로 개흉술 시행 시 동반된 늑골골절이 해당 늑골의 폭 이상 벗어나 전위가 심한 경우

라. 자154-1 흉골골절 관혈적정복술 시행 시 동반된 전방 늑골골절이 있는 경우

2. 자53나 늑골골절 관혈적정복술은 편측 당 **최대 3부위까지만 산정함**

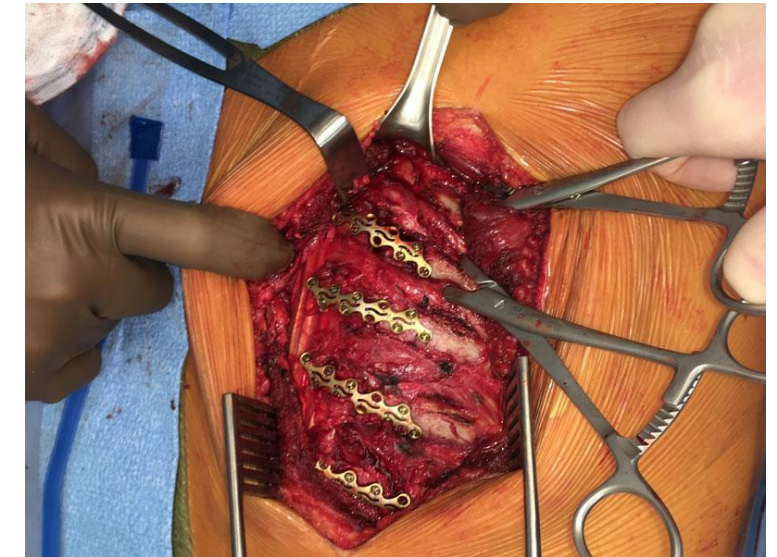
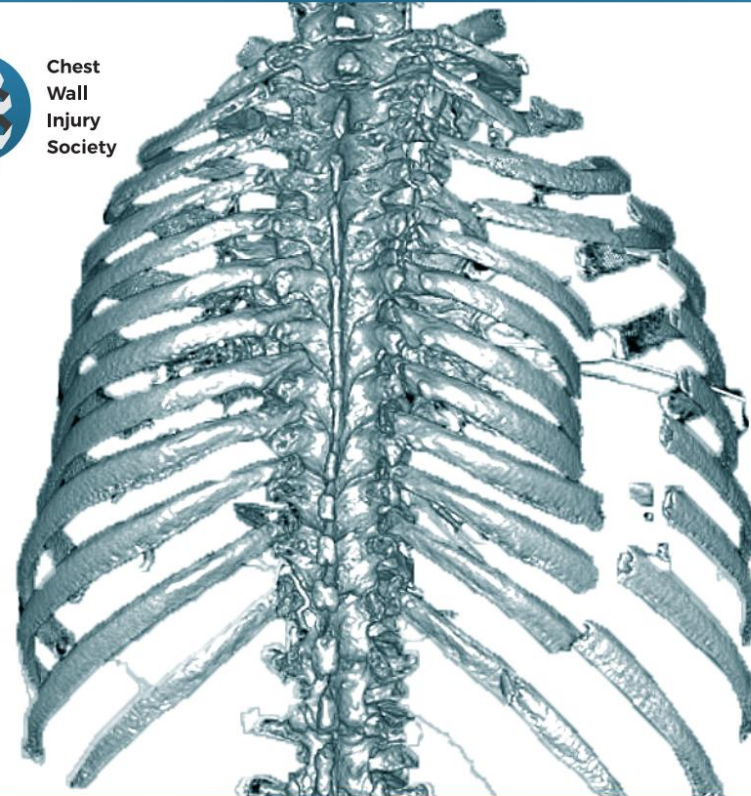
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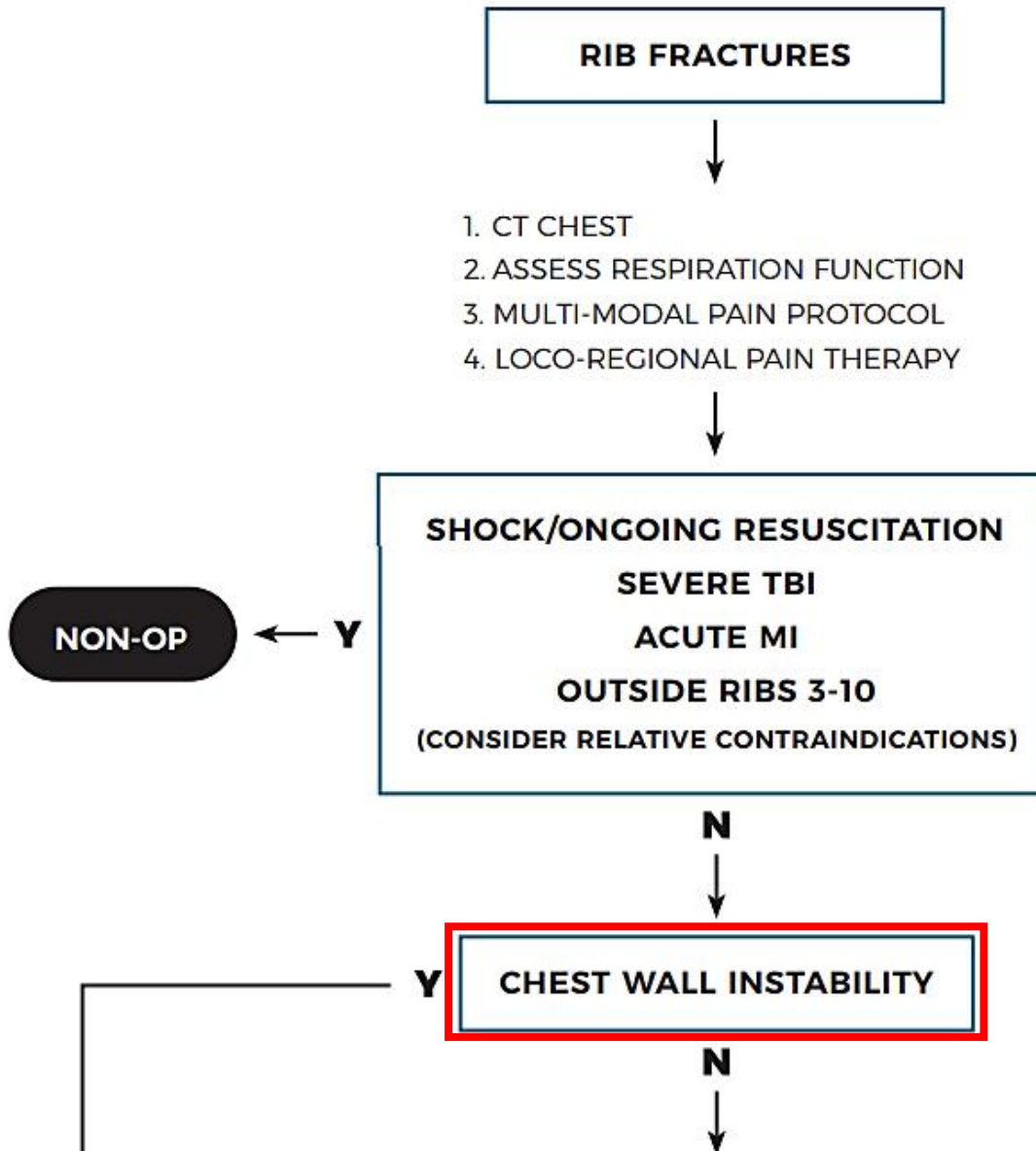
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CHEST WALL INJURY SOCIETY GUIDELINE FOR SSRF INDICATIONS, CONTRAINDICATIONS AND TIMING

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SSRF ALGORITHM



DEFINITIONS OF TERMS

» SEVERE TBI

- Any GCS <8
- Signs of intracranial hypertension

» RELATIVE CONTRAINDICATIONS

- Age <18 years
- Significant comorbidities
- Unstable Spine injury
- Empyema
- Prior chest wall radiation
- Mild/moderate TBI

» CHEST WALL INSTABILITY

Flail Segment

- 3+ ipsilateral consecutive ribs with fractures in 2 locations
- Clinical finding of paradoxical motion

Offset fractures

- 3+ ipsilateral rib fractures with displacement of 100% of rib width on axial CT

Instability or "clicking" on palpation or reported by the patient

» 3+ > 50% DISPLACEMENT

- Three ipsilateral consecutive or non-consecutive ribs each with a fracture displaced 50% of the rib width on axial CT

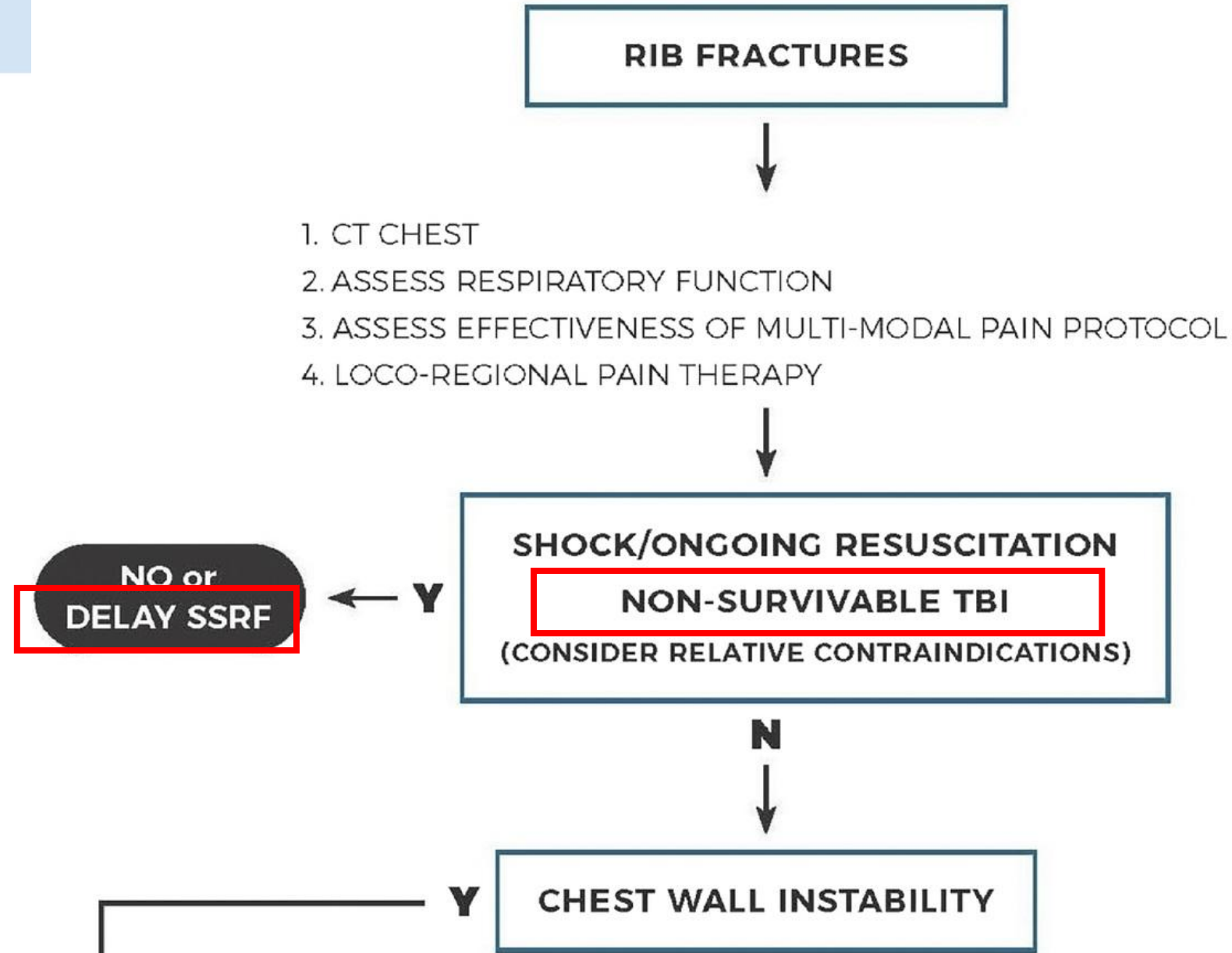
Brand NEW guideline! (2025/08/13)

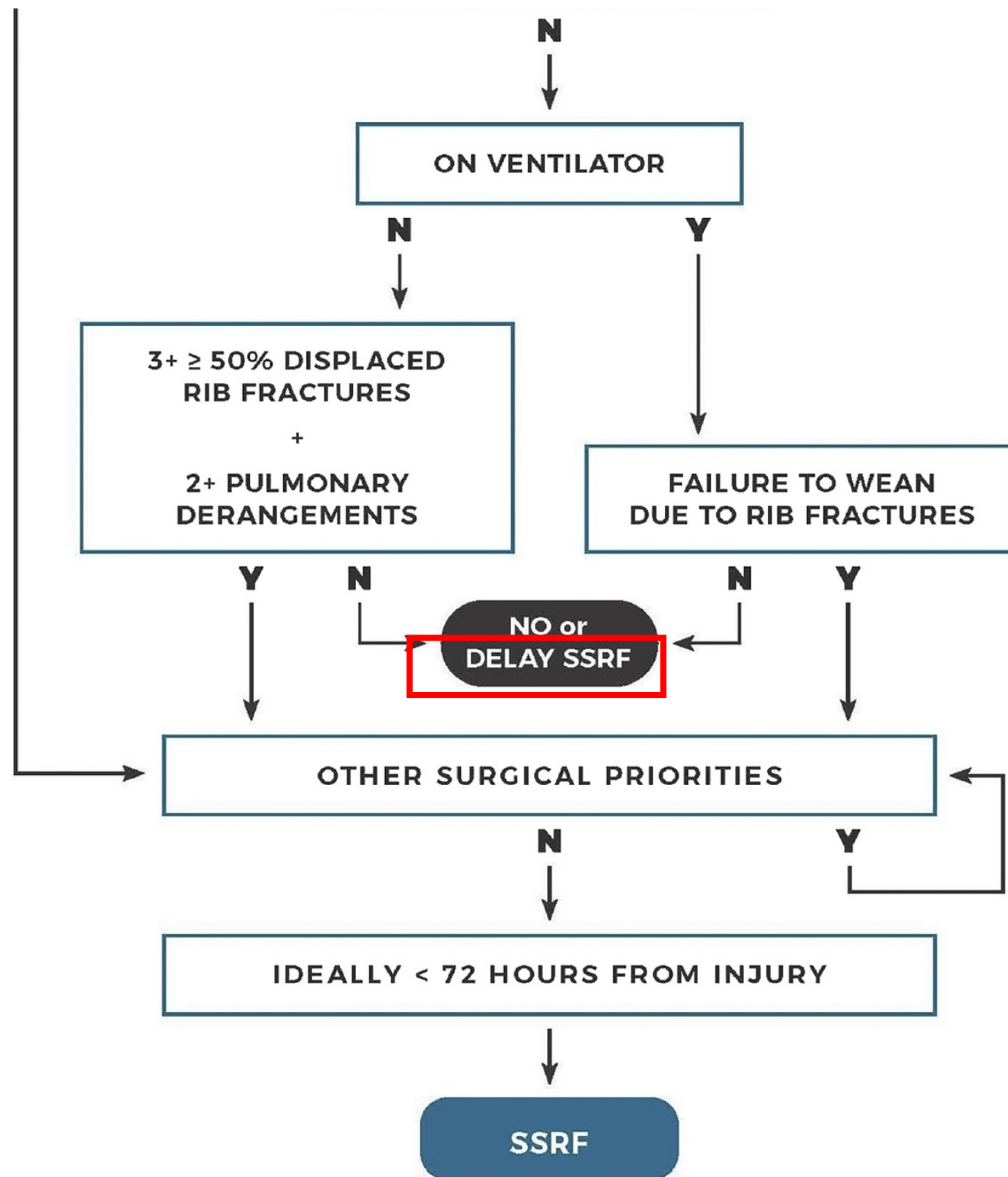
➤ J Trauma Acute Care Surg. 2025 Aug 13. doi: 10.1097/TA.0000000000004750. Online ahead of print.

Chest Wall Injury Society guidelines for surgical stabilization of rib fractures: Indications, contraindications, and timing

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Surgical stabilization of rib fractures (SSRF): the WSES and CWIS position paper



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