Penetrating Neck Trauma

Platysma Violation

- Pressure Control of hemorrhage
- Airway Control

Hard Sign for immediate surgery or hemodynamic instability

- Airway Compromise
- Shock
- Pulsating bleeding
- Expanding hematoma
- Unilateral pulse deficit
- Bruit or palpable thrill
- Extensive SQ Air
- Stridor/Hoarseness
- Signs of stroke

CT Neck

Positive

Directed Angio or Endoscopy with repair as indicated (open or stent)

Negative

Local wound care/observation/discharge

Operative Exploration and Repair

References


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