Penetrating Neck Trauma

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

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1. Zone 1: clavicle to cricoid; Zone 2: cricoid to angle of mandible; Zone 3: above angle of mandible.
2. Exploration involves visualizing the wound tract, exploring the carotid sheath, and fully visualize the trachea and esophagus.

Reference:

References