Penetrating Neck Trauma

- Pressure Control of hemorrhage
- Airway Control

Platysma Violation

- Yes
- Hard Sign for immediate surgery or hemodynamic instability

- No
- Local wound care/observation/discharge

Hard Sign

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

Operative Exploration and Repair

- Positive
- CTA

- No
- Positive
- Directed Angio or Endoscopy as indicated

CTA

- High Risk Trajectory

- Negative

Positive

References


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