

Management of Thoracic Trauma

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Quiz!

What is the role of trauma surgery in emergency chest trauma patients?

- 30/M, 서울 중구 거주
- 20분 전 NMC 앞에서 **우측** 가슴을 칼에 찔림
- ER 도착 5분 후 심정지
- 3분만에 흉부외과 의사 도착
- 현재 EM에서 CPR 중

→ What should we do?



WHAT IS THE NEXT STEP?

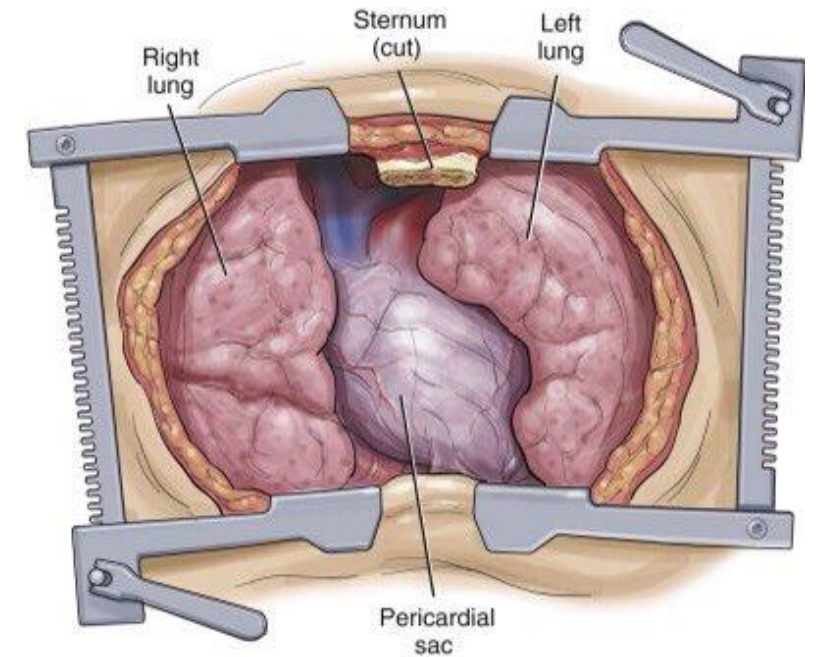
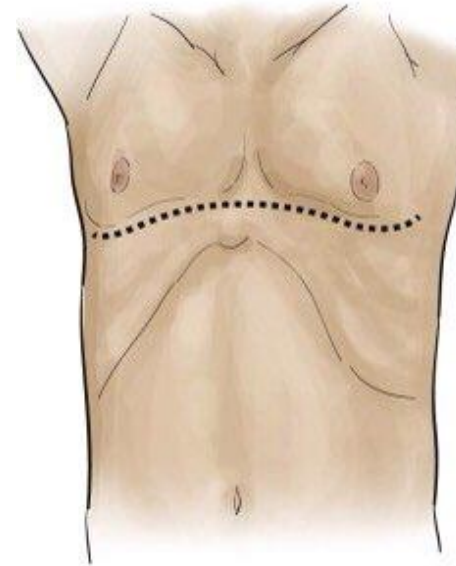
1. Chest tube insertion, Rt.
2. Running to OR
3. ECMO
4. REBOA
5. Sternotomy
6. Rt. Thoracotomy
7. Lt. Thoracotomy
8. Clamshell thoracotomy
9. Transfer
10. DNR..

***Choose only ONE
in 10 seconds***



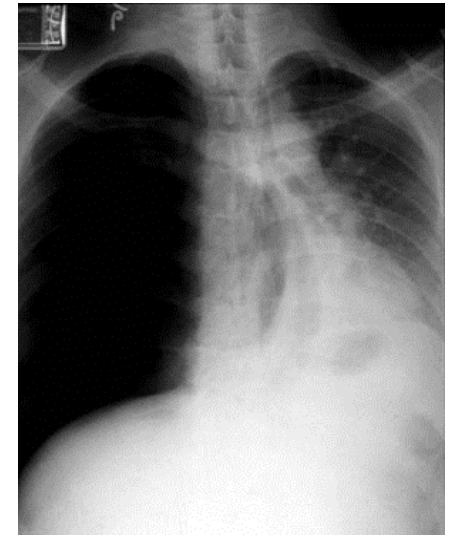
Answer

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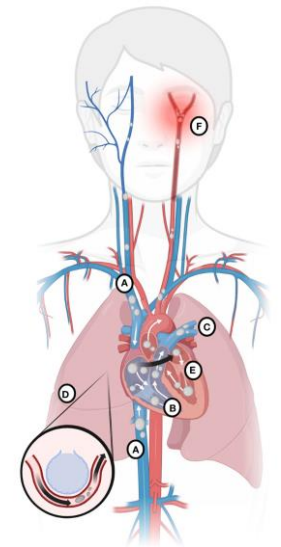


Cardiac arrest

- Hypovolemic shock?
- Tension hemopneumothorax?
- Aspiration and desaturation?
- Air embolism?
- Lung only?
- Rt. Heart?
- IMA? Intercostal a.?

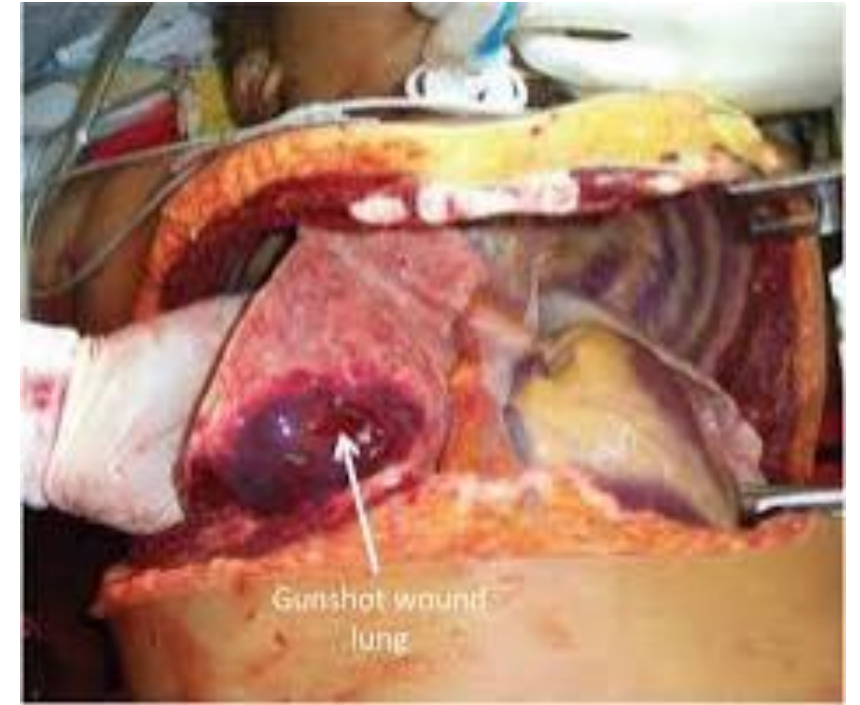


Overview of Air Embolism



Clamshell thoracotomy

- Release tension hemopneumothorax
- Open cardiac massage
- Aortic cross clamping ($\doteq$ REBOA)
- Approach to Rt. Lung, hilum and Rt.side heart
- Temporary bleeding control with Hilum twist or clamp
- Massive transfusion, Tractotomy, and SAVE THE LIFE! (~15%)

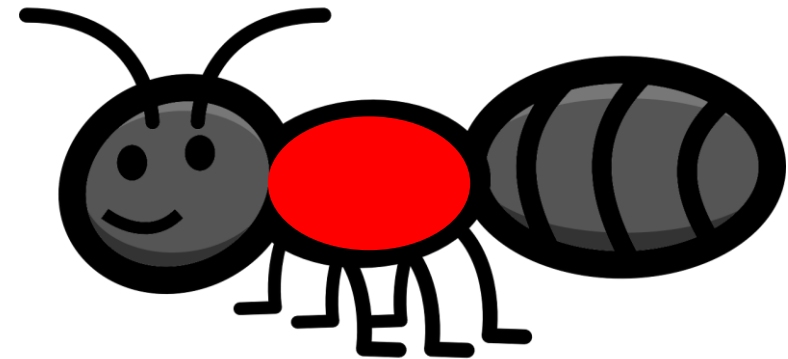


Thoracic trauma in KOREA

- 전체 사망 원인의 ~9%
- 연령별 사망원인 1위
 - 10대: 외상
 - 20대: 외상
 - 30대: 외상
 - 40대 이상: 암
- 전체 외상 환자 중 흉부 외상 환자: 37.3%
- 중증 외상 환자 중 흉부 외상 환자: 58.9%

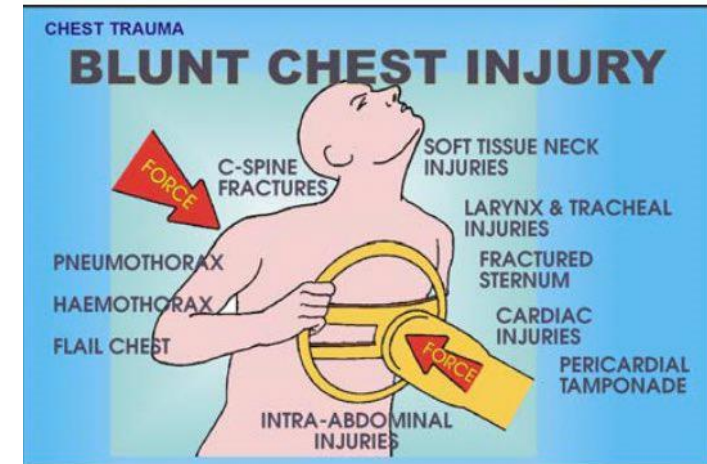
YOUNG, ACTIVE WORKER

Important to bring the patient
BACK TO SOCIETY



Classification and mechanism of injury

- Blunt: m/c
 - Motor vehicle accidents
 - Falls from height
 - Physical assault
 - Blunt object injury
- Penetrating: life threatening
- Blast





Immediate resuscitation

Primary survey

- Airway obstruction
- Tension pneumothorax
- Massive hemothorax
- Cardiac tamponade
- Open pneumothorax
- Tracheobronchial injury



Immediate resuscitation

Secondary survey

- Simple pneumothorax
- Hemothorax
- Pulmonary contusion
- Flail chest
- Blunt cardiac injury
- Aortic rupture
- Diaphragmatic rupture
- Esophageal rupture

TRAUMA

PRIMARY: *Survey* **SECONDARY:** "HEAD TO TOE"

AIRWAY

HAVE AIRWAY BOX,
INTUBATION SUPPLIES,
SUCTION READY

TALKING?

ANY OBVIOUS
OBSTRUCTION?

DISABILITY

GCS

E4 V5 M6

IF GCS < 8, INTUBATE !!!

BREATHING

BILATERAL
BREATH
SOUNDS?

HAVE BAG-VALVE
MASK, RESPIRATORY
THERAPY READY

CIRCULATION

FEMORAL
OR CAROTID
PULSES?

HAVE IV ACCESS,
BLOOD PRODUCTS READY

EXPOSURE

REMOVE ALL CLOTHING,
JEWELRY, DENTURES,
PROSTHETICS, ETC.

HEAD:

SKULL

STEP OFFS, DEFORMITIES, BATTLE
SIGNS
LACERATIONS

SCALP

EYES

PUPIL SIZE & REACTIVITY,
PERIORBITAL ECCHYMOSSIS?

EARS

HEMOTYMPANUM?

NOSE

BLOOD IN NARES? DEVIATION?

MOUTH

MISSING TEETH? TONGUE OR LIP
LACERATIONS?

CHEST

RIB OR STERNAL TENDERNESS?

BODY:

ABDOMEN

SOFT? NONTENDER?

PELVIS

NYL BOWEL SOUNDS?

FLANK

GROSSLY STABLE? RECTAL TONE?

SPINE

BLOOD IN ORIFICES?

LIMBS:

ARMS

TENDER? ECCHYMOSSIS?

LEGS

MIDLINE TENDERNESS? NEURO
DEFICIT?
PULSES? SENSATION? DEFORMITY?

ADJUNCT TO
PRIMARY/
SECONDARY
SURVEY

E-FAST

1. **SUBXYPHOID**

PERICARDIAL EFFUSION

2. **RUQ**

FLUID BTWN LIVER &
KIDNEY

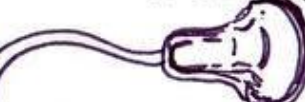
3. **LUQ**

FLUID BTWN SPLEEN
& KIDNEY

4. **BLADDER**

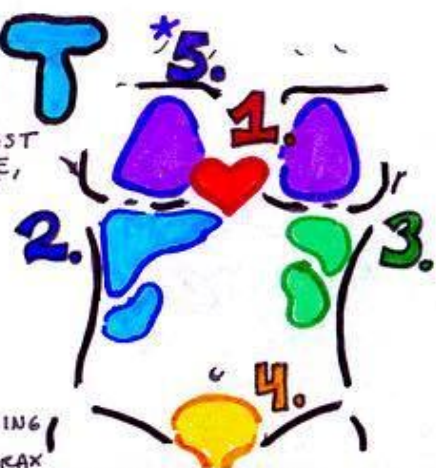
FLUID IN PELVIS

IF POSITIVE FAST
& PT IS UNSTABLE,
GO STRAIGHT
TO OR!!!!



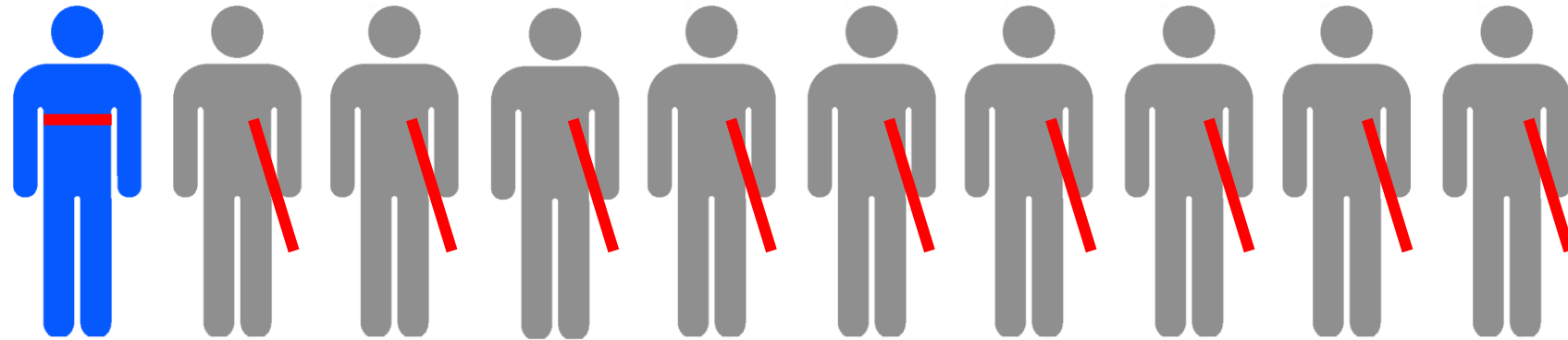
5. **LUNG**

LUNG SLIDING
FOR
PNEUMOTHORAX



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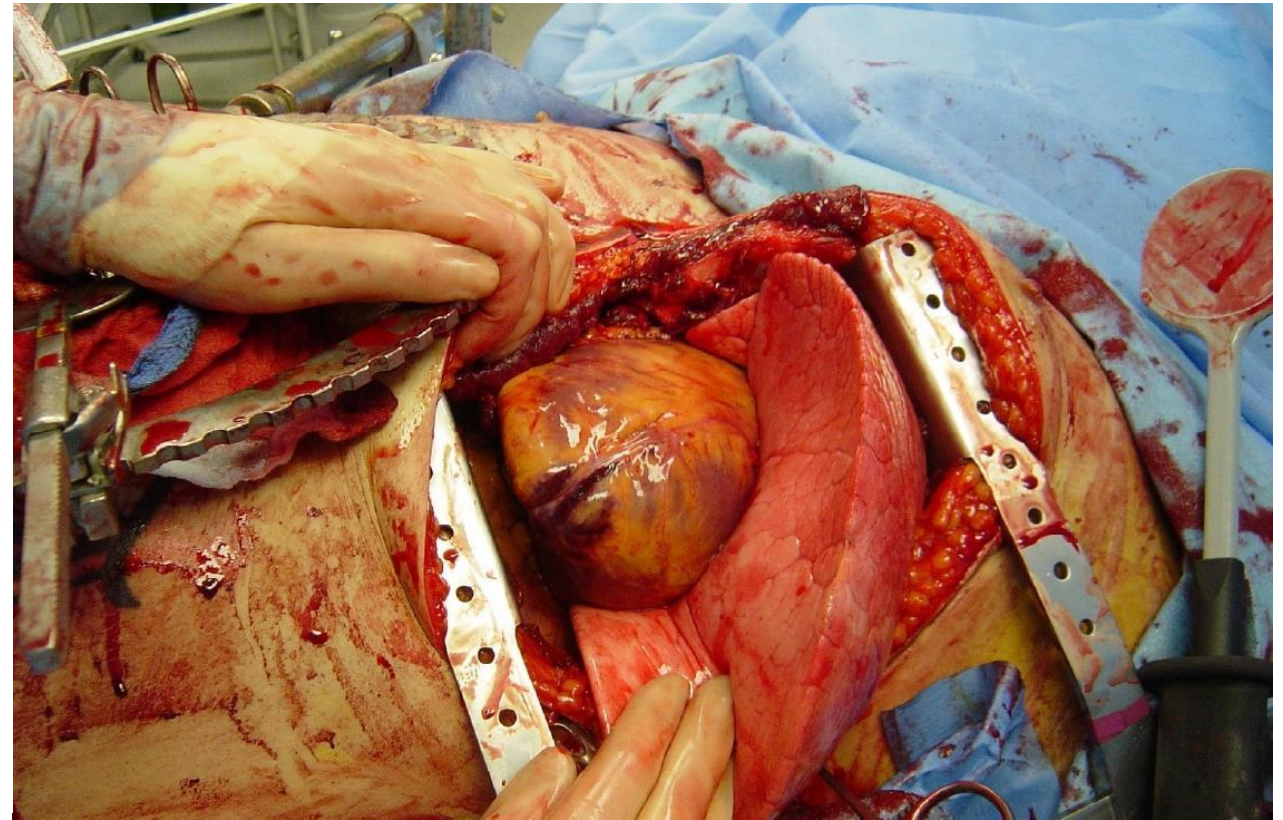
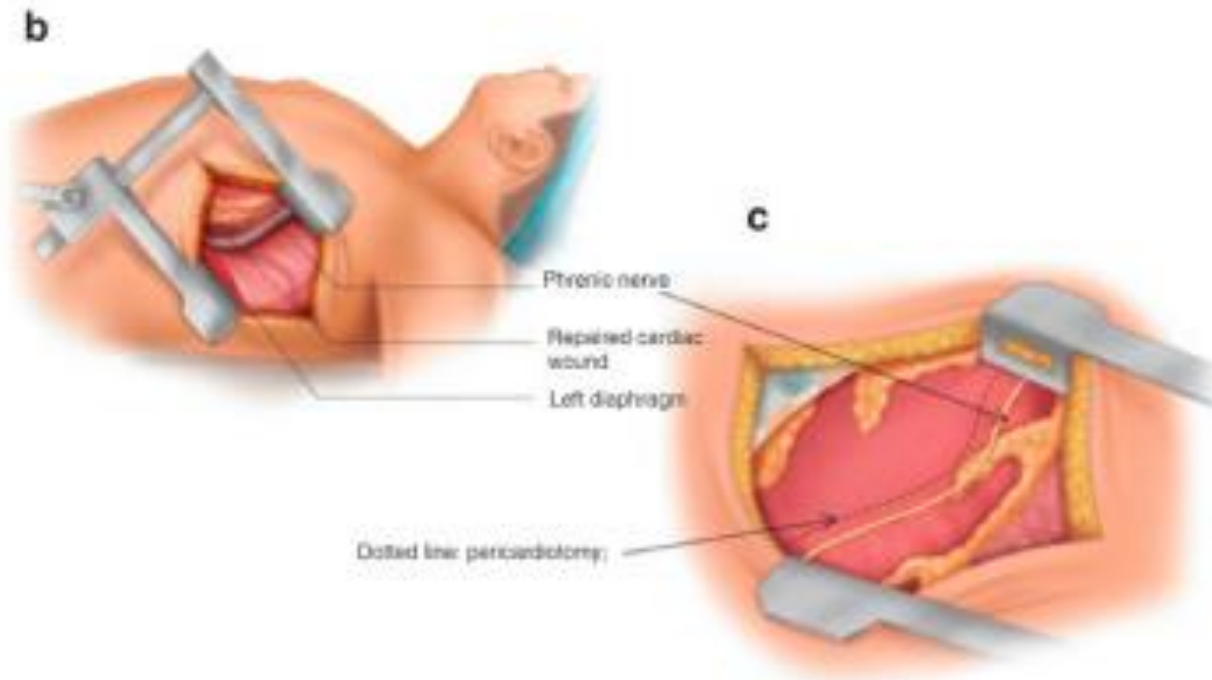
Thoracostomy



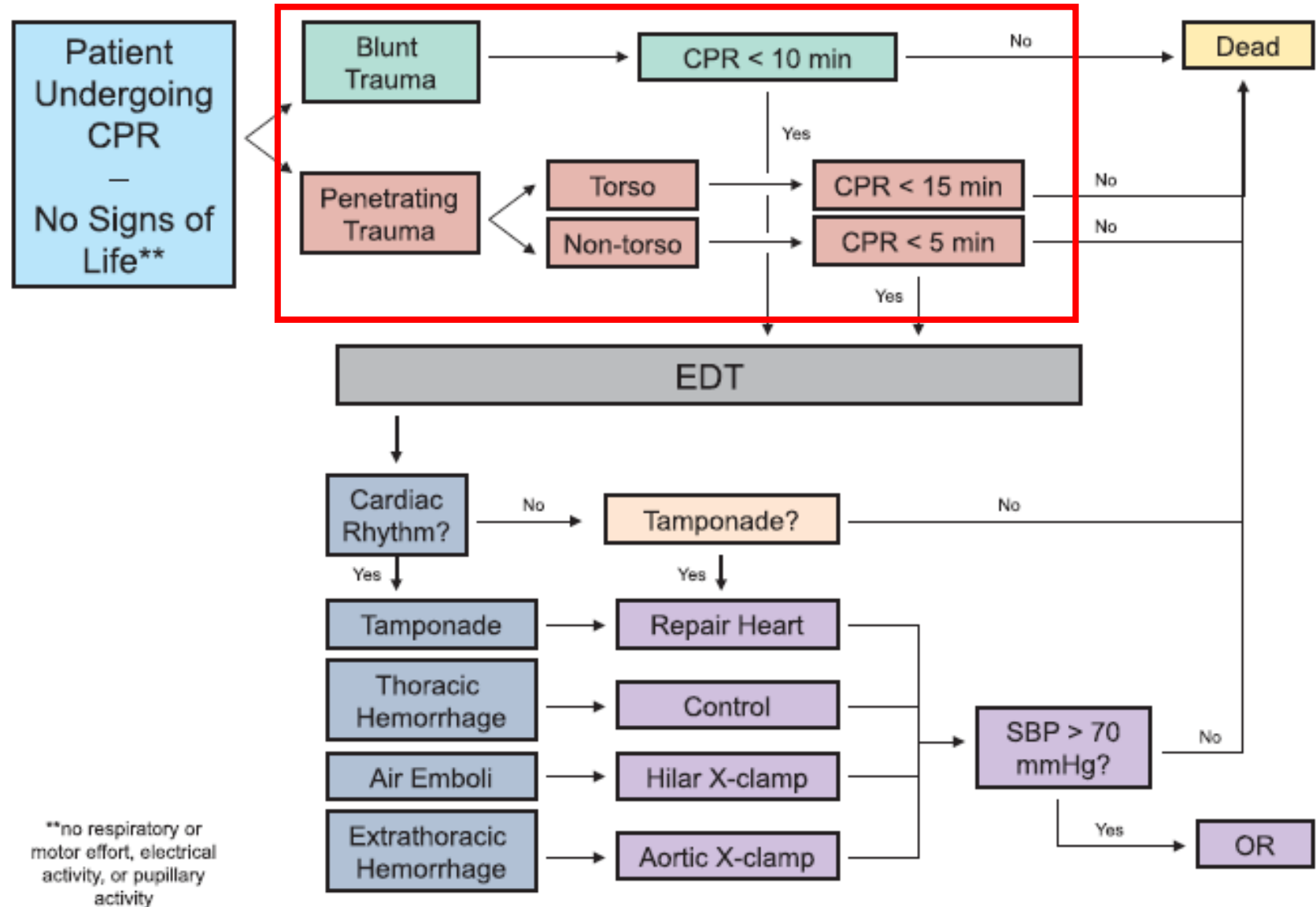
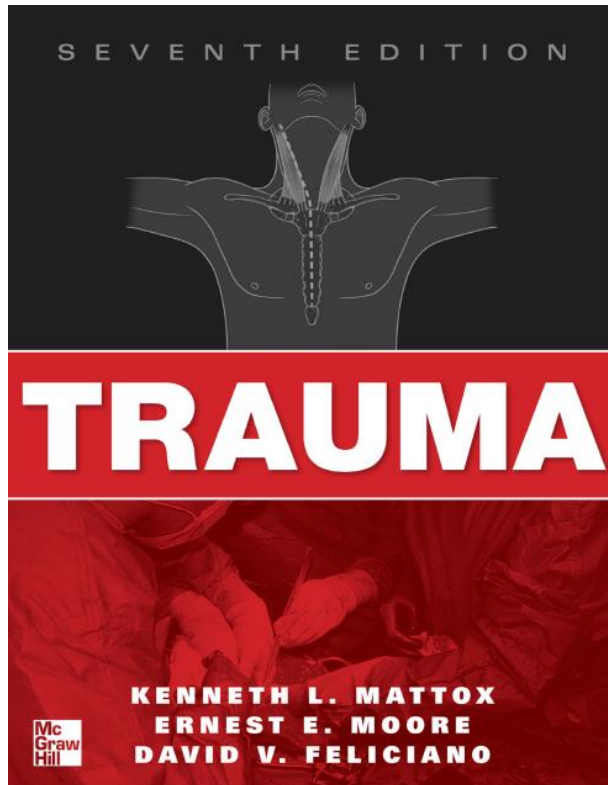
- *Only **10 ~ 15%** of all chest wounds require thoracotomy*
- ***85%** can be managed with a closed tube thoracostomy **

* LoCicero J 3rd, Mattox KL. Epidemiology of chest trauma. Surg Clin North Am. 1989;69(1):15-19.

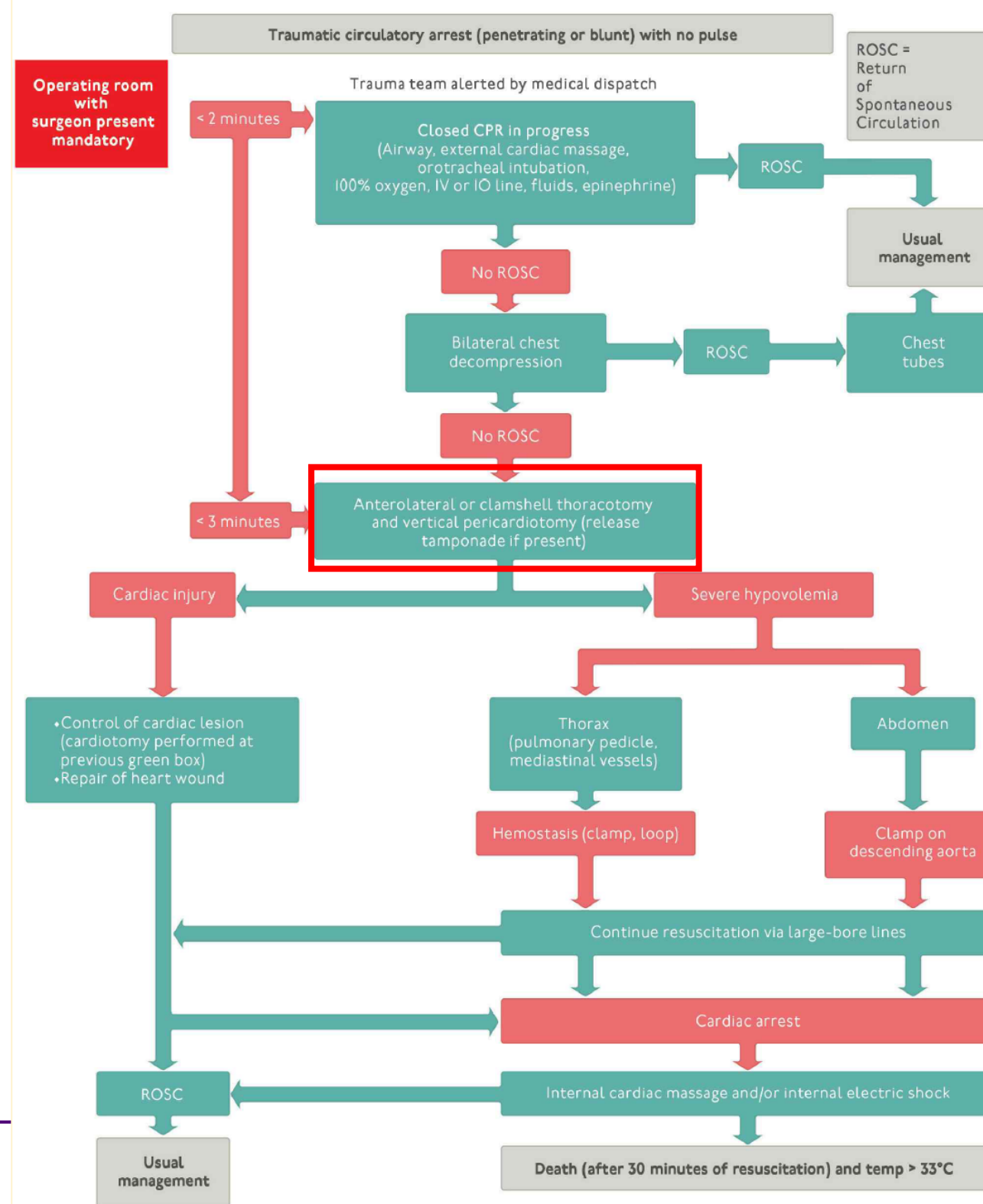
Emergency Department Thoracotomy (Resuscitative Thoracotomy)



Indication of EDT



ATLS protocol



Open cardiac massage

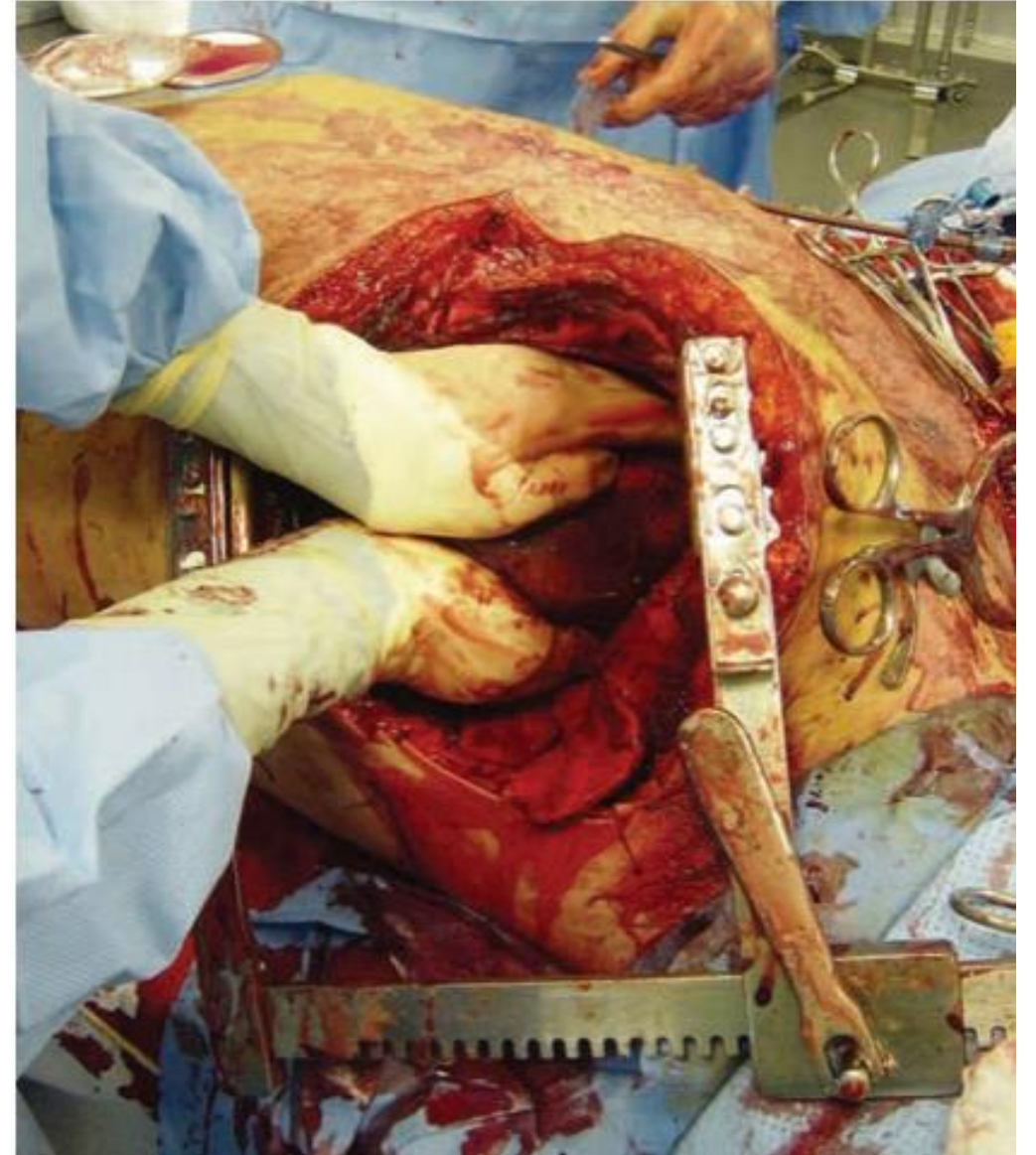
In animal studies

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



Open cardiac massage

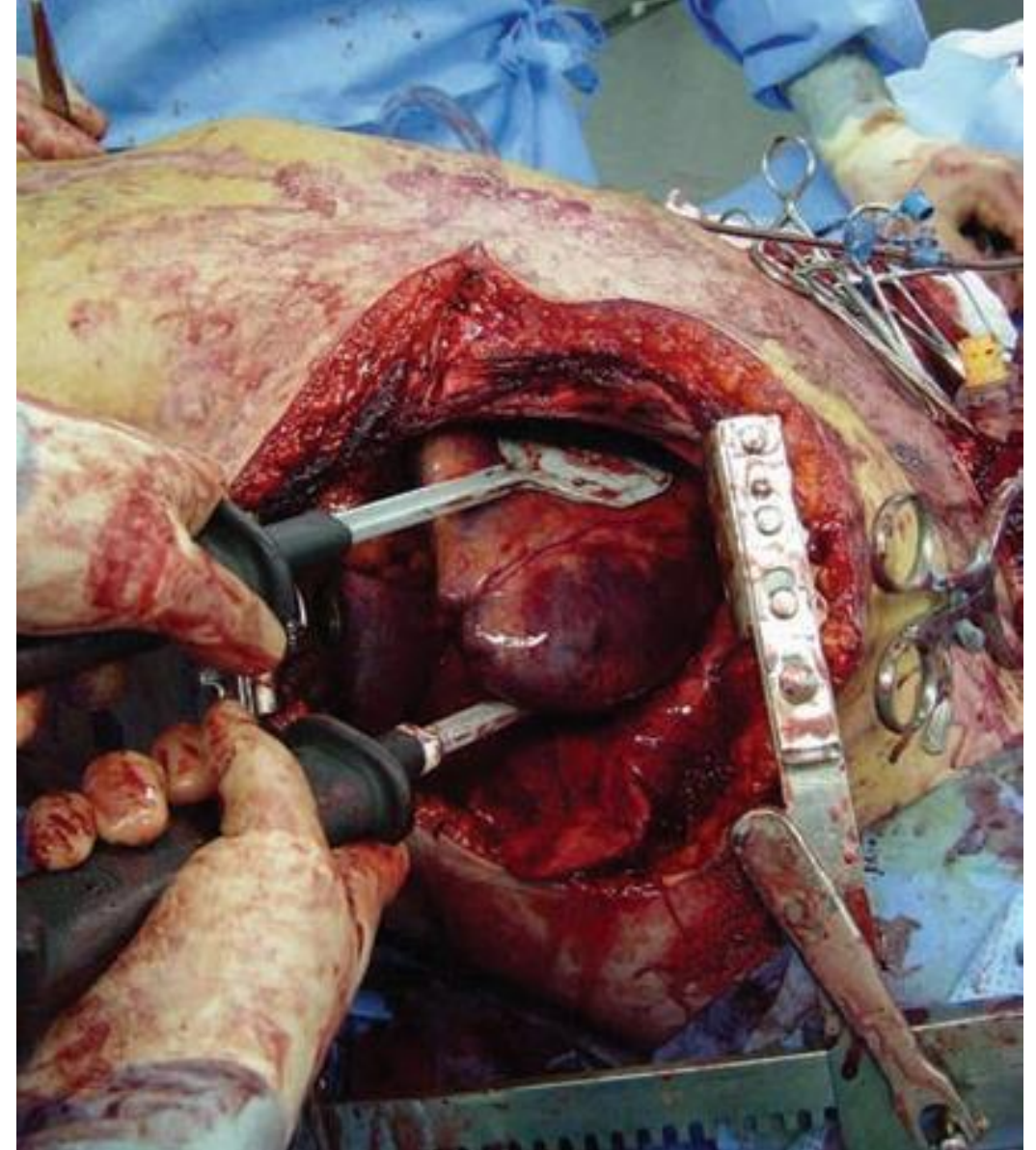
Two-hand ("clapping") technique

The wrists placed together

The thumb adjacent to finger

Apex to base

Internal defibrillation (10-50 J)



Aortic Cross Clamping

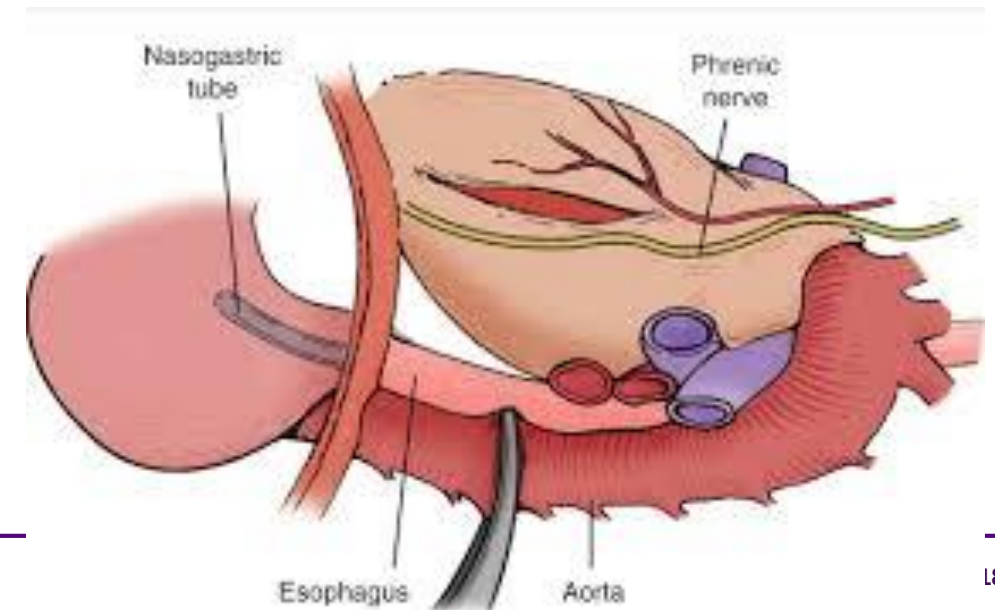
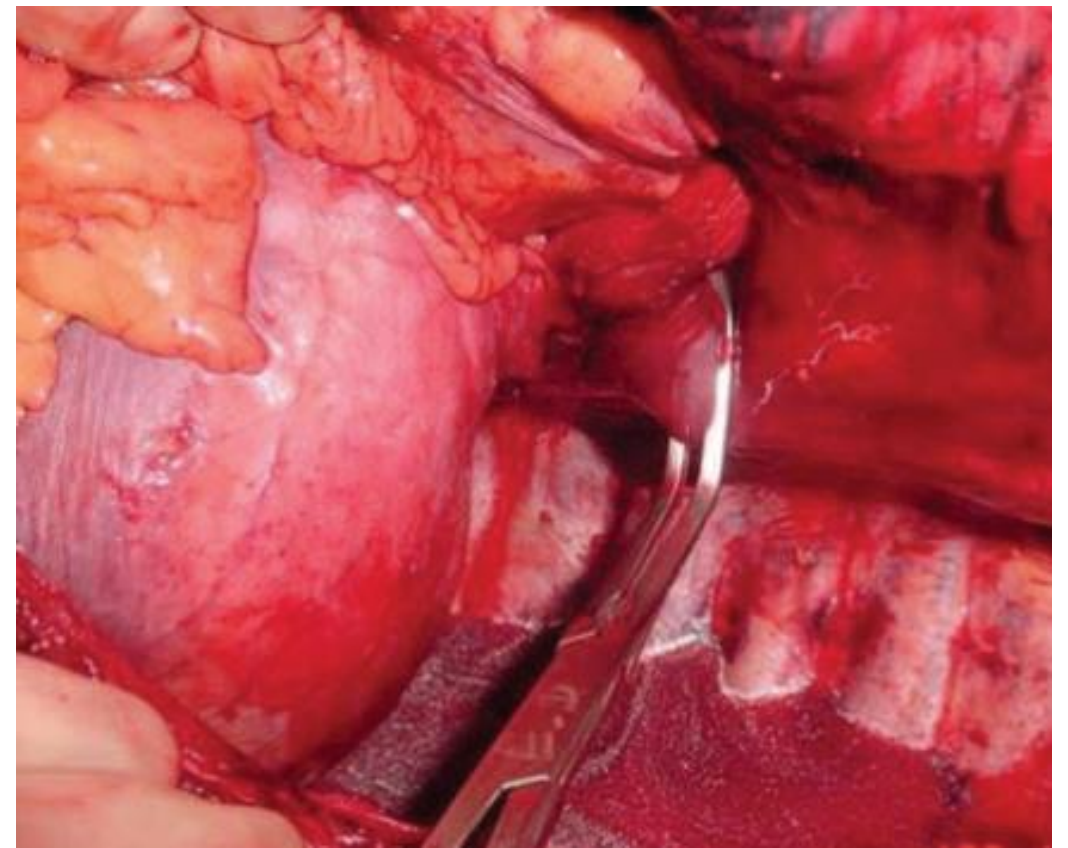
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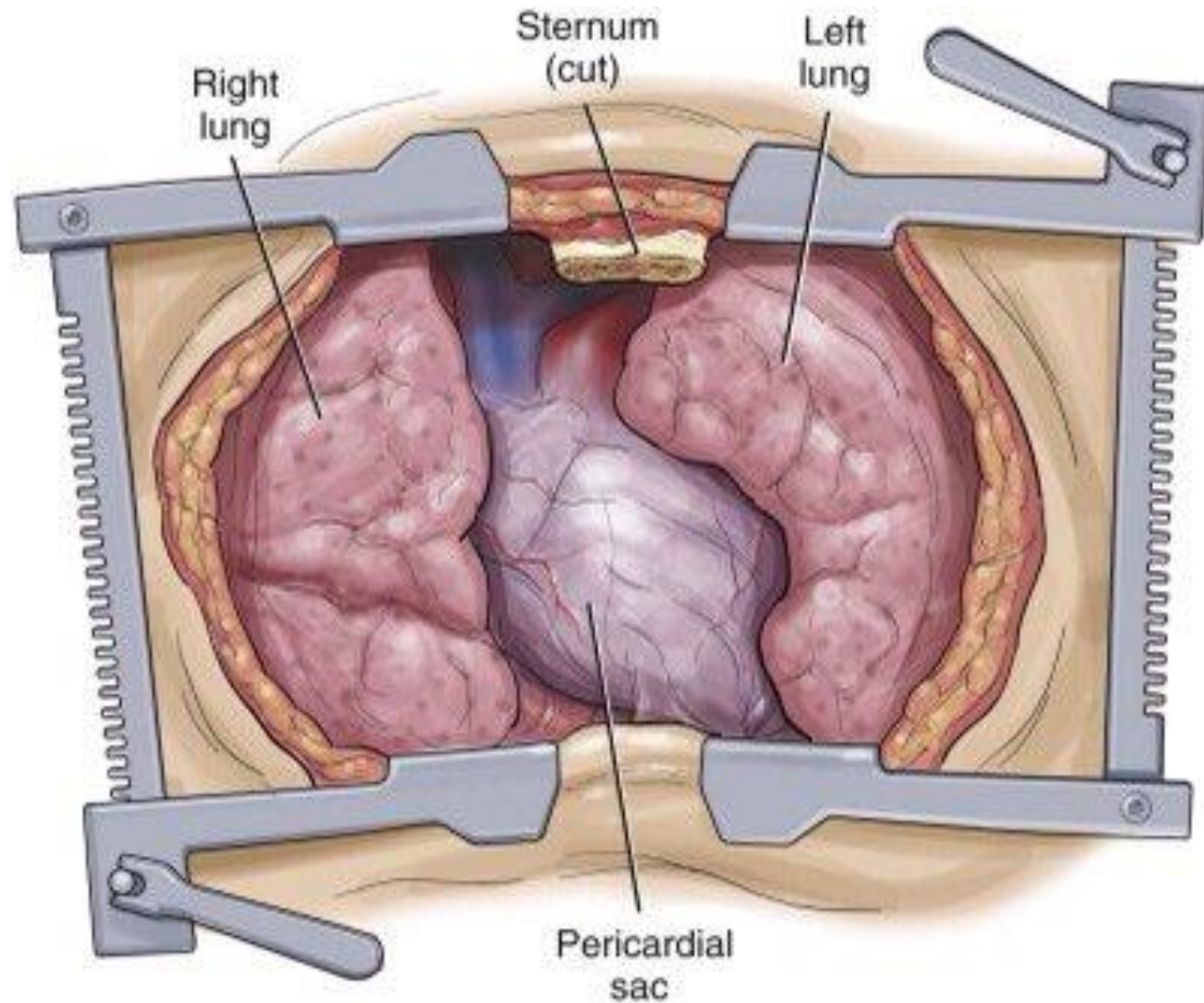
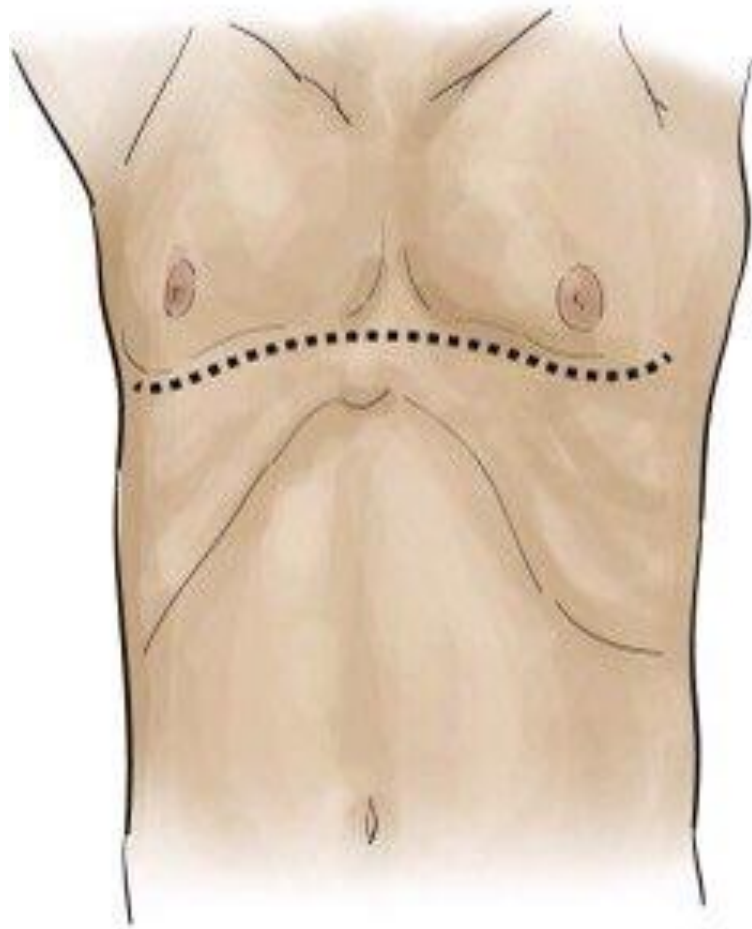
Just above the **diaphragm**

Reposition to **lower level**

No more than **30mins**

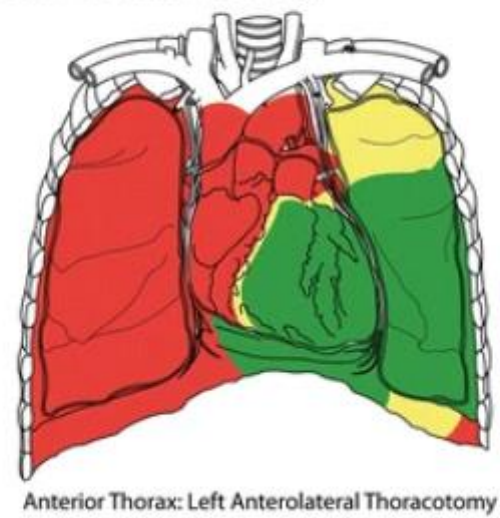
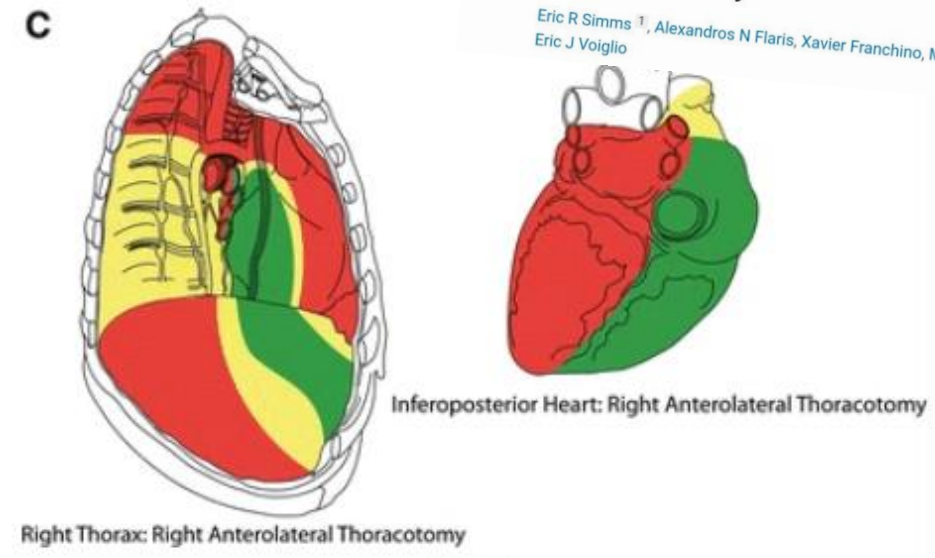
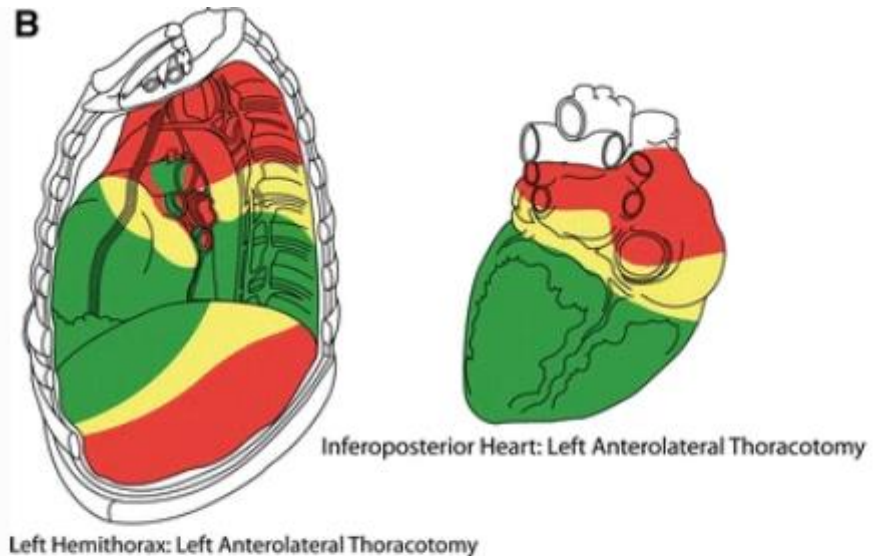


Bilateral anterior thoracotomy (Clamshell thoracotomy)



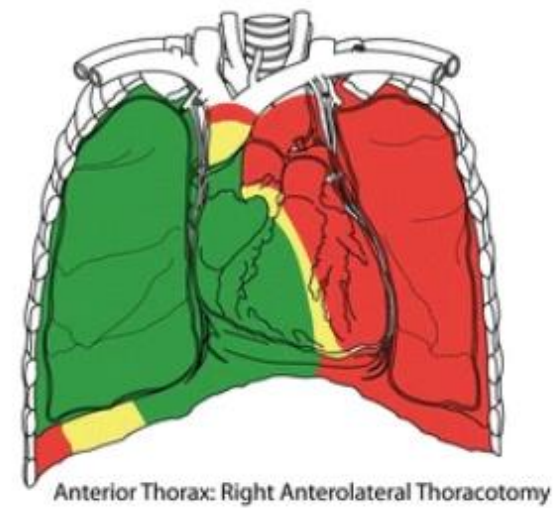
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Bilateral anterior thoracotomy (clamshell incision) is the ideal emergency thoracotomy incision: an anatomic study

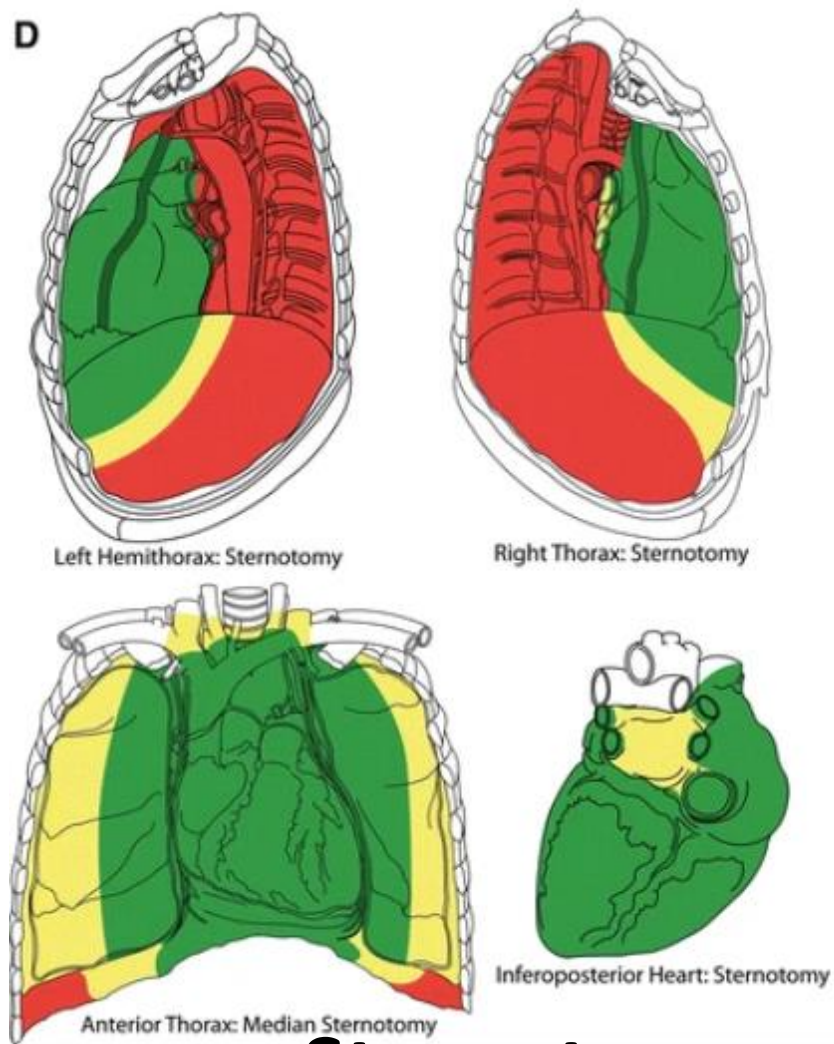
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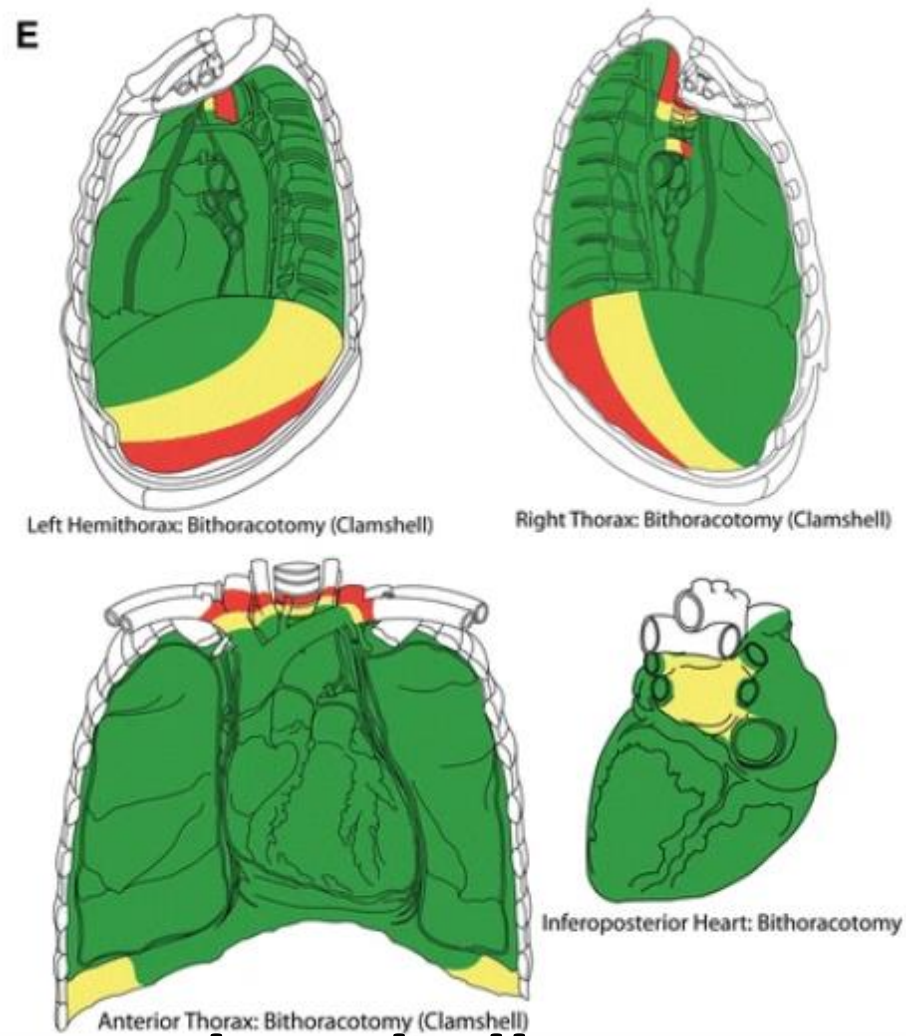
LAT

RAT





Sternotomy



Clamshell

TOP TEN TIPS

for resuscitative thoracotomy
BY THE SECRET CHEST CRACKER

Indications

PENETRATING: If signs of life
BLUNT: If they die in front of you.

TAMPONADE
HAEMORRHAGE
CPR

THANKS:
1. The secret chest cracker
2. emcrit.org/podcasts/procedure-of-thoracotomy



SLOW IS SMOOTH
SMOOTH IS FAST....

1. **ALWAYS** do a clam shell
2. **DON'T** let cardiothoracics take over unless they know what they're doing
3. **BE** bold. Don't hesitate. Aim to enter the pericardium < 90 secs
4. **KEEP** your kit simple: Scalpel. Forceps. Tuff cuts.
5. **DO** two thoracotomies and join them in an underwired bra line, not straight across.
6. **ALWAYS** open the pericardium - inverted T even if no tamponade
7. **CLOSE** cardiac wounds with interrupted sutures.
8. **PUT** on descending aortic compression early.
9. **HAVE** blood ready to run.
10. **AFTER** ROSC, control internal mammary artery bleeding with direct pressure.



Management of specific injuries

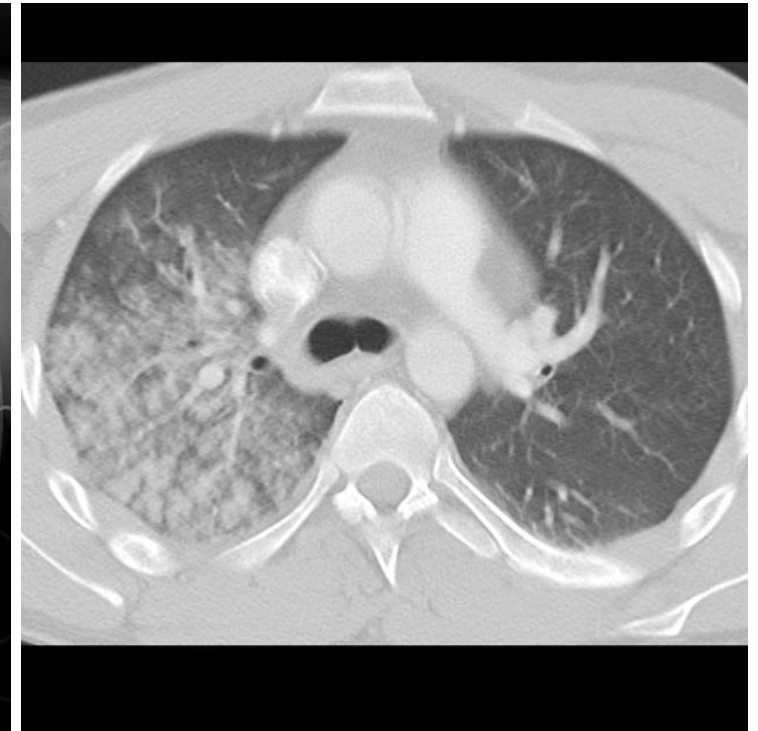
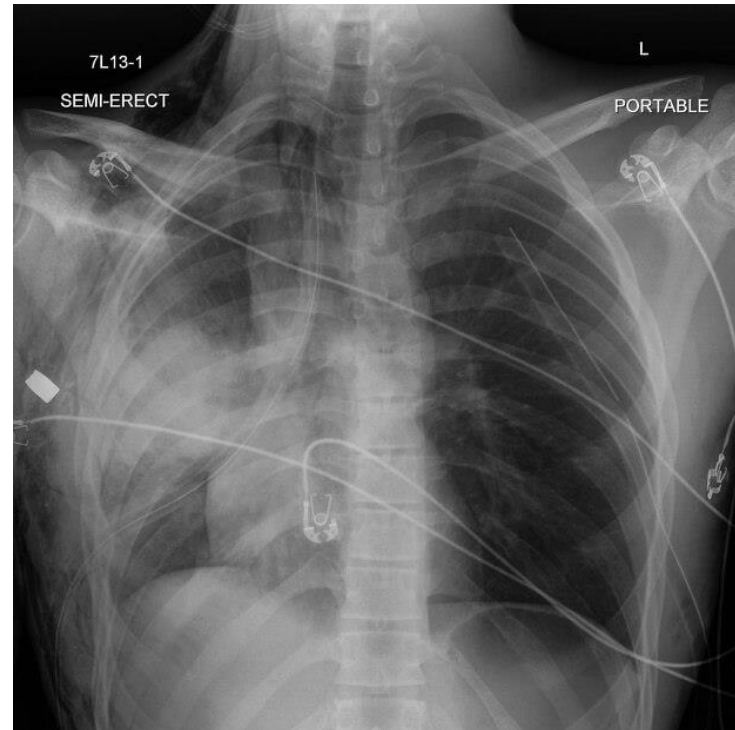
Blunt Cardiac Injury

- Myocardial rupture
 - Hemopericardium
- Septal and valvular injury
 - Tear of the leaflet
 - Tear of the papillary muscle or chordae tendineae
- Myocardial infarction
 - Coronary artery dissection, laceration, and thrombosis
- Cardiac dysfunction
 - myocardial contusion
- Arrhythmia
 - persistent tachycardia, new bundle branch block, a.fib..
- **Concomitant injury**
 - **Sternal fracture (!)**

Management of specific injuries

Blunt Pulmonary Injury

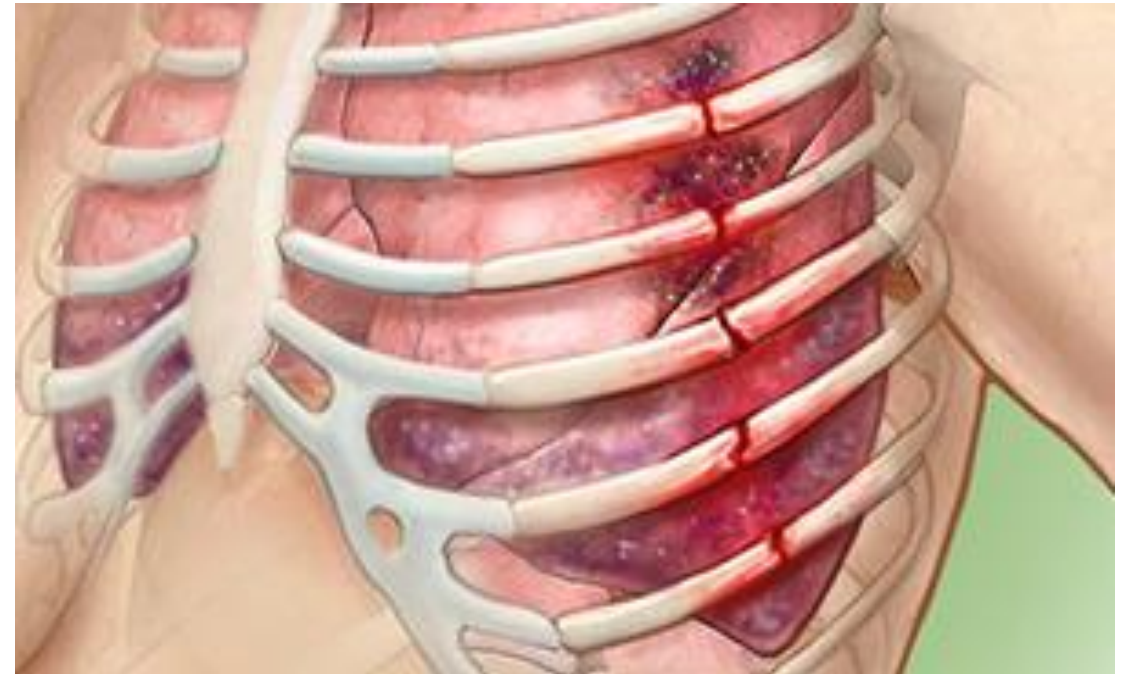
- Pneumothorax
- Hemothorax
- Tracheobronchial injury
- Pulmonary contusion



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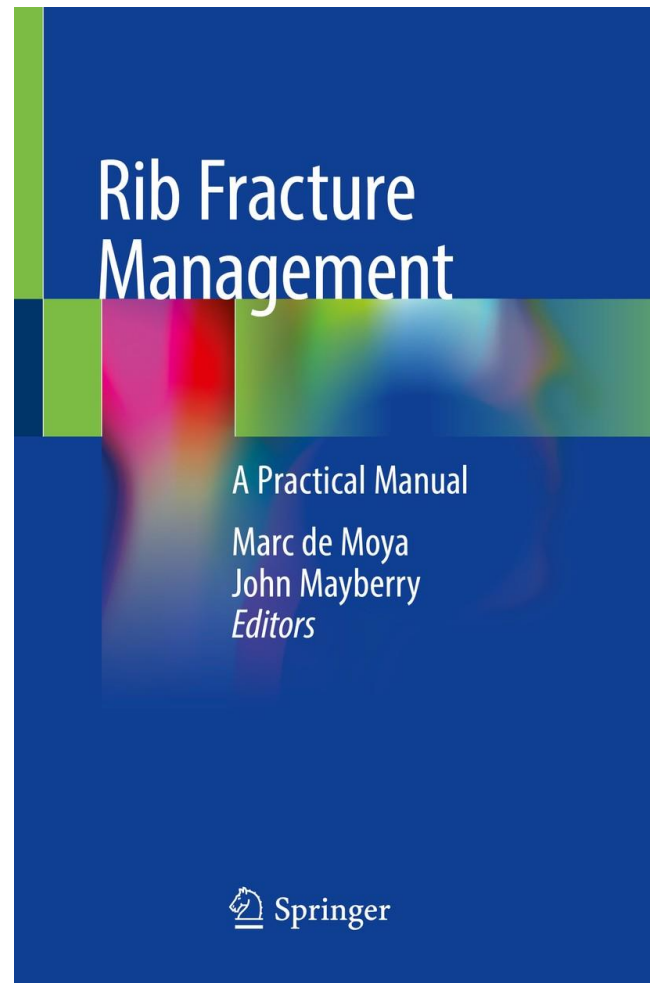
Blunt Chest Wall Injury

- Sternal fracture
- Scapula fracture
- Rib fracture
- Flail chest
- Sternoclavicular dislocation
- Thoracic spine fracture



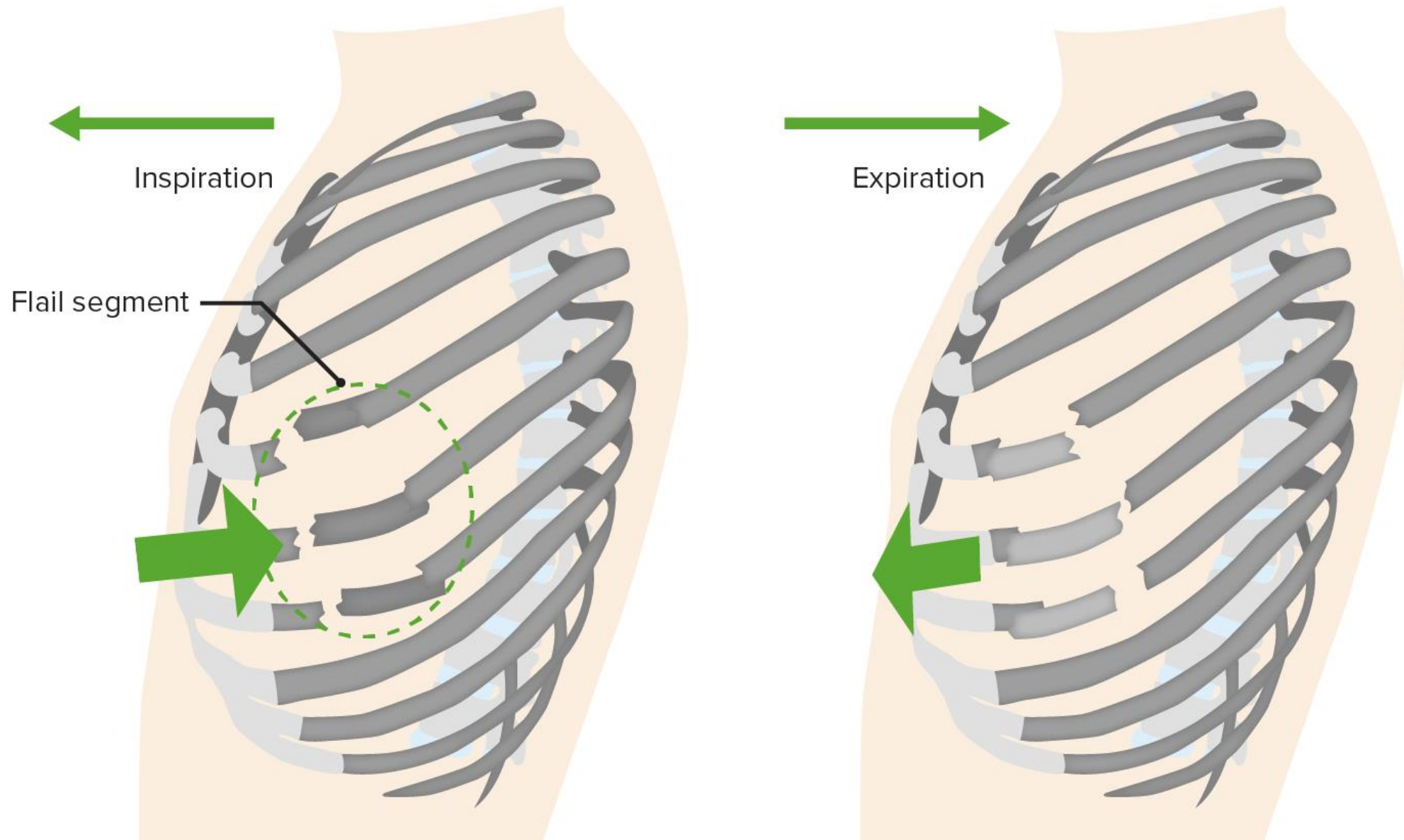
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Rib fractures

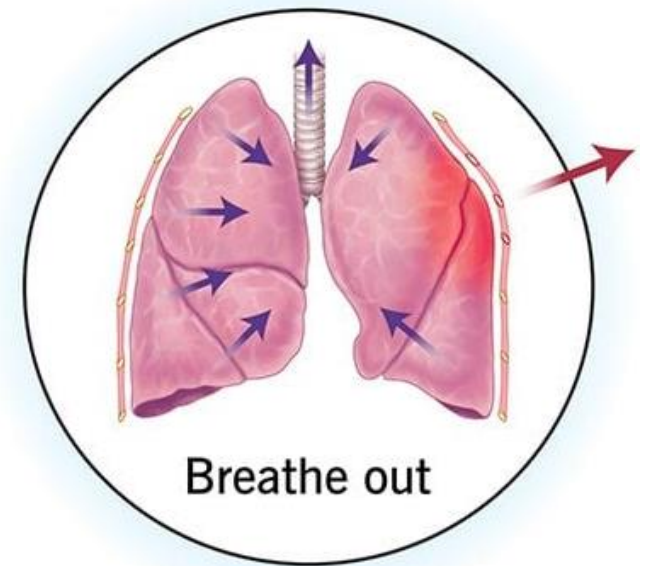
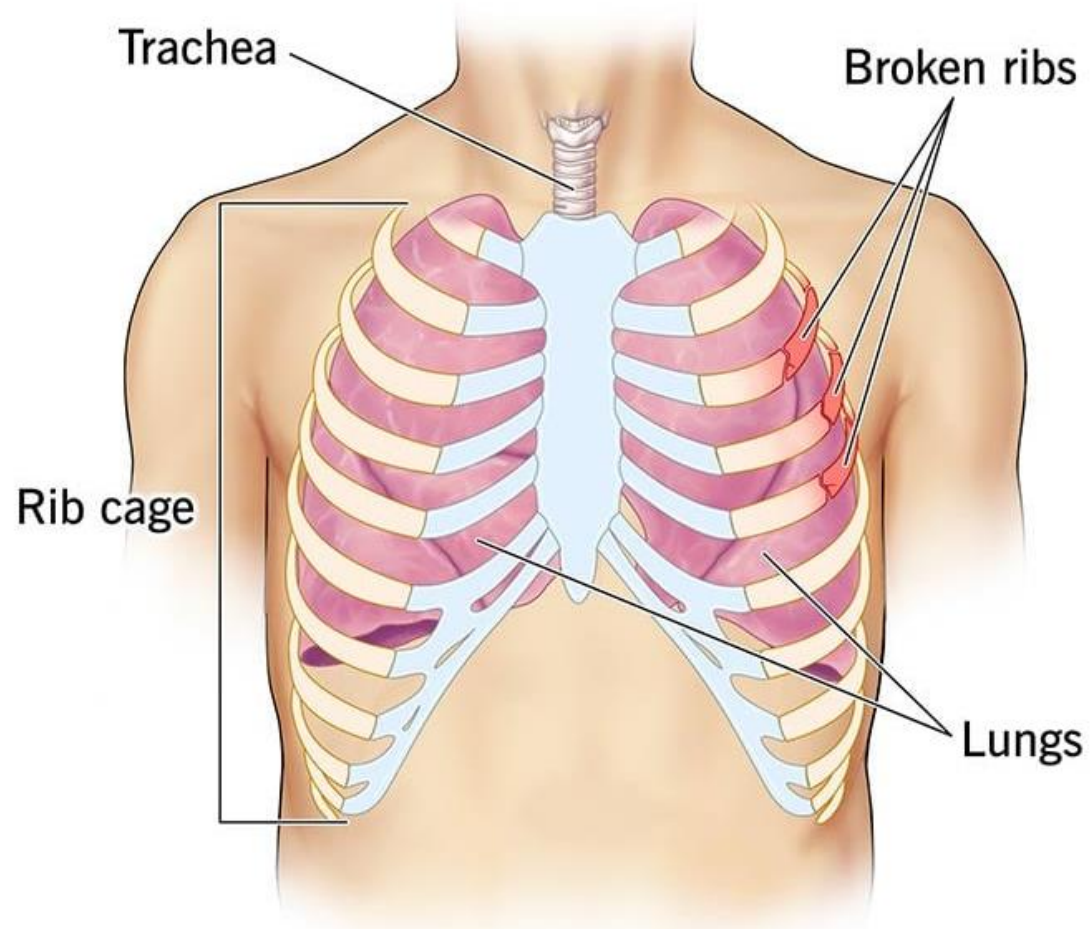


CWIS
Chest Wall Injury Society

Flail chest

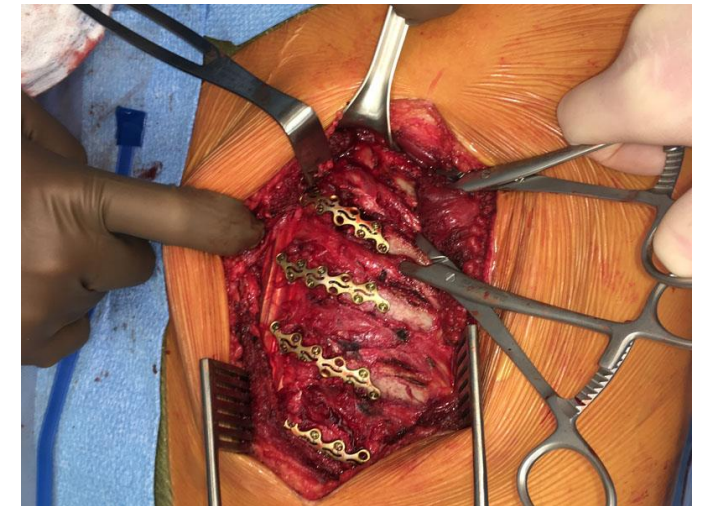
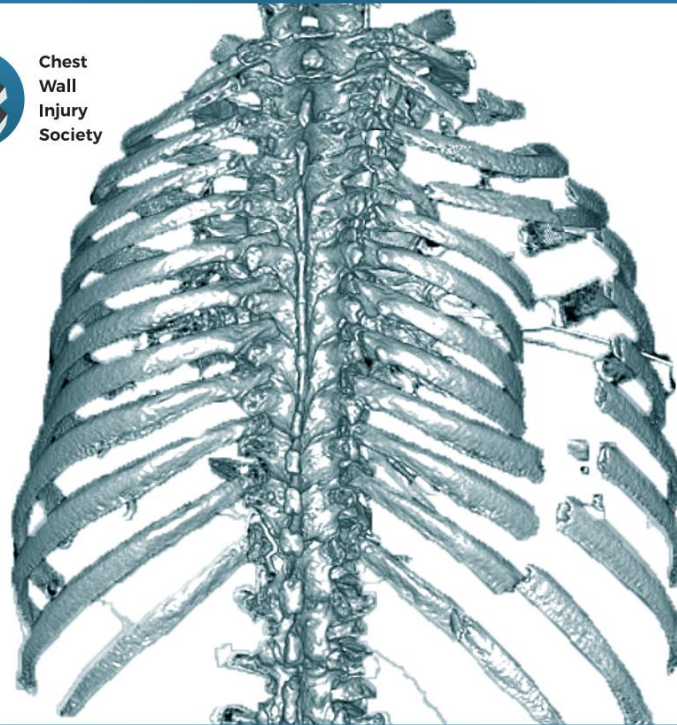


Paradoxical respiration



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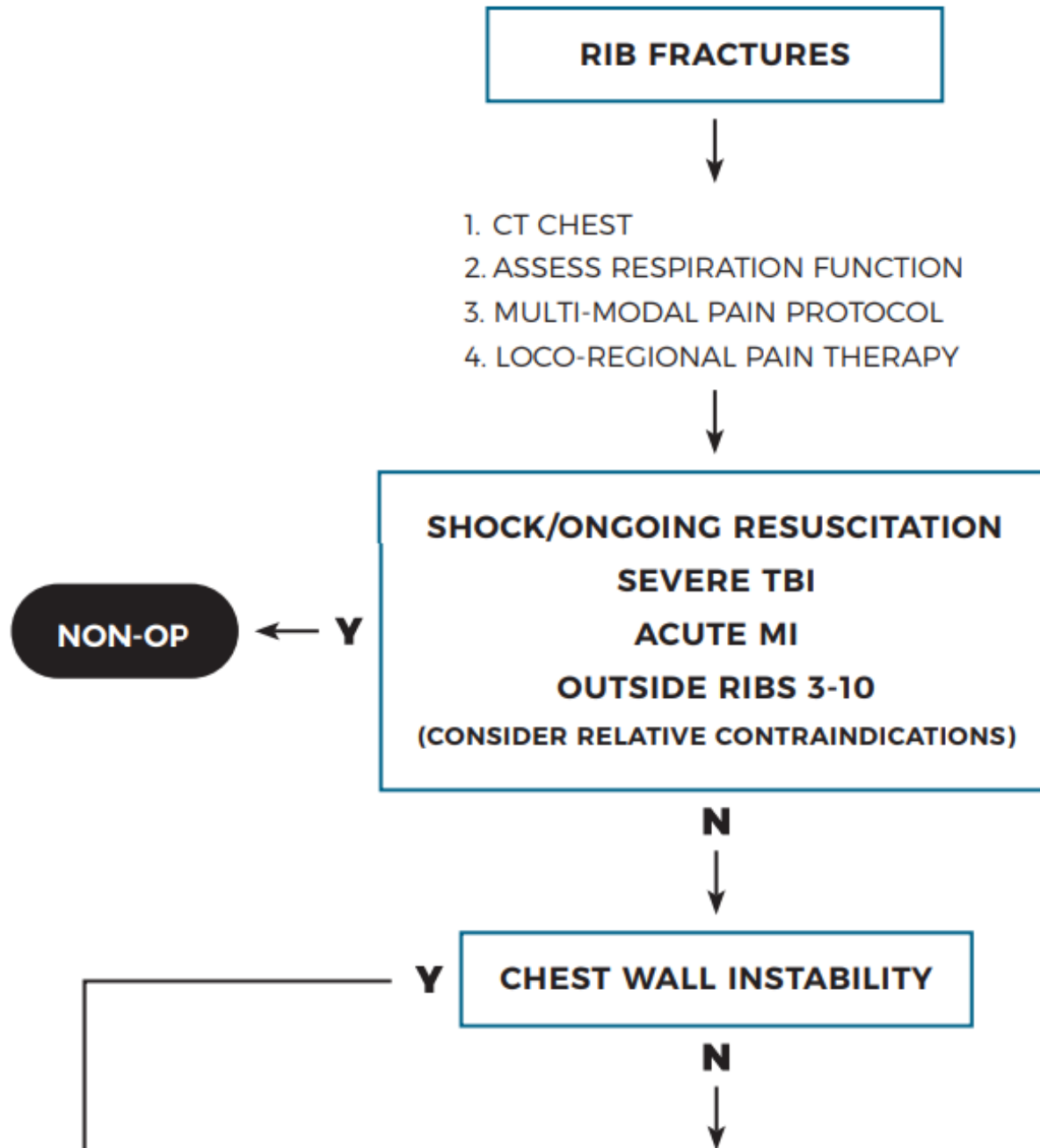
Surgical Stabilization of Rib Fracture (SSRF)



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

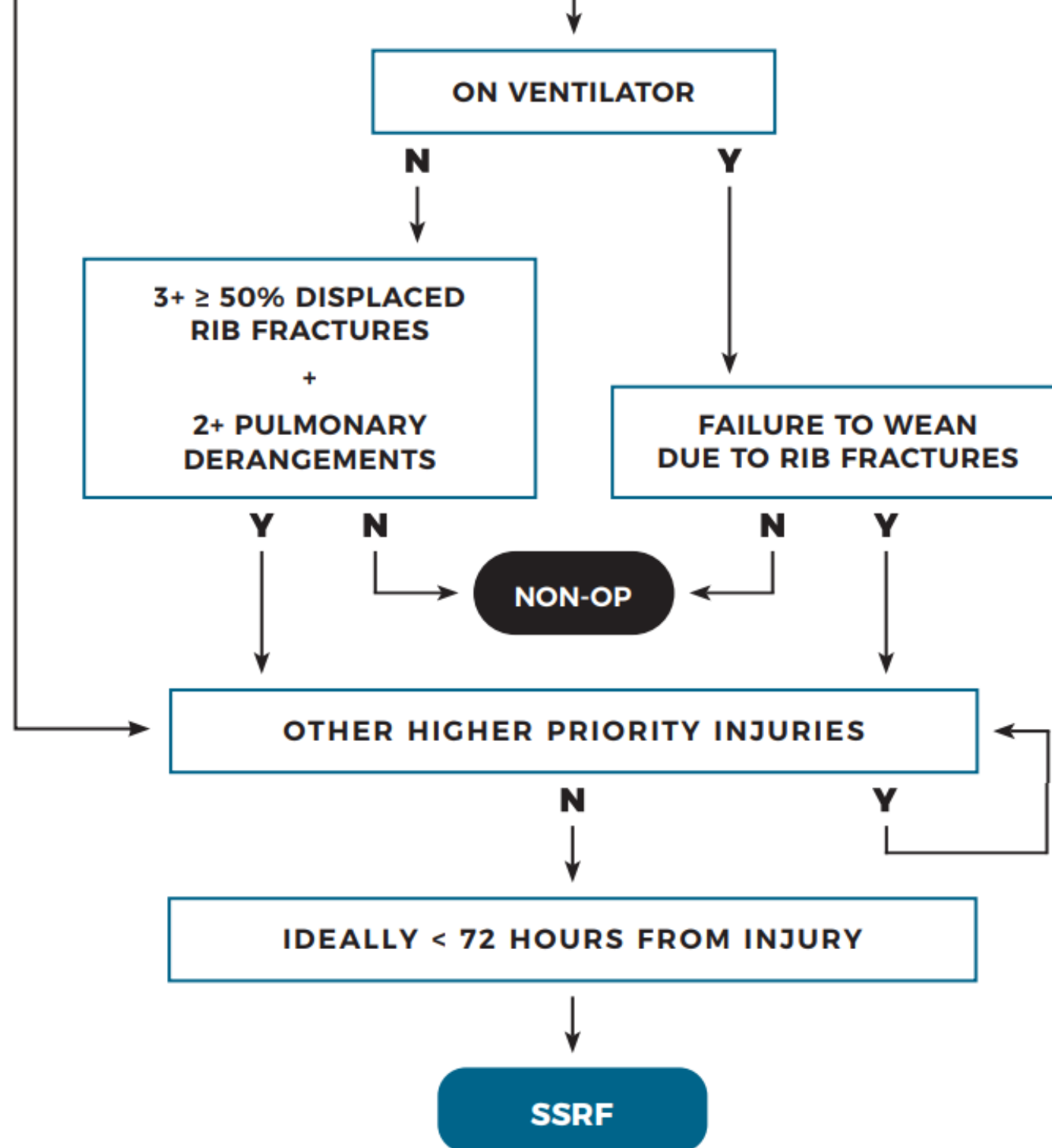
Offset fractures

- 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



► PULMONARY DERANGEMENTS

- Respiratory rate >20
- Incentive spirometry <50% of predicted
- Numerical pain score >5/10
- Poor cough

► FAILURE TO WEAN

Must be clinically determined to be related to the rib fractures

Unable to progress to spontaneous breathing trial after 48 hours

Able to obtain spontaneous breathing trial for 60 minutes but develops >2 of the following

- Increased resp. rate >35
- Increased heart rate >140
- Oxygen saturation <90%
- RSBI >105
- Anxiety
- Diaphoresis
- Agitation

Of note: Ventilator weaning should be at the discretion of the treating bedside physician.

► HIGHER PRIORITY INJURIES

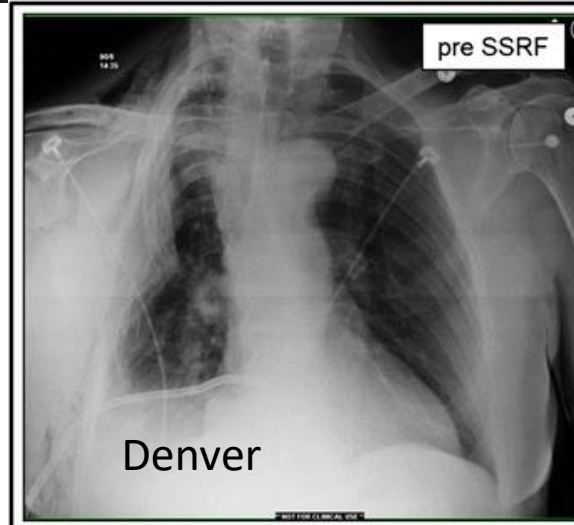
- Pre-operative spinal injury
- Open Abdomen
- Significant vascular trauma
- Pelvic external fixation



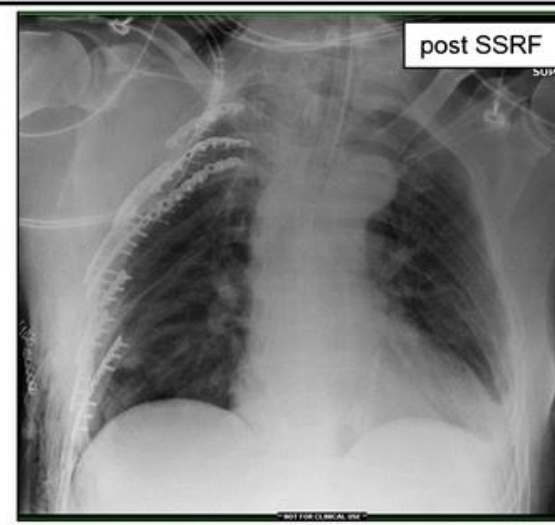
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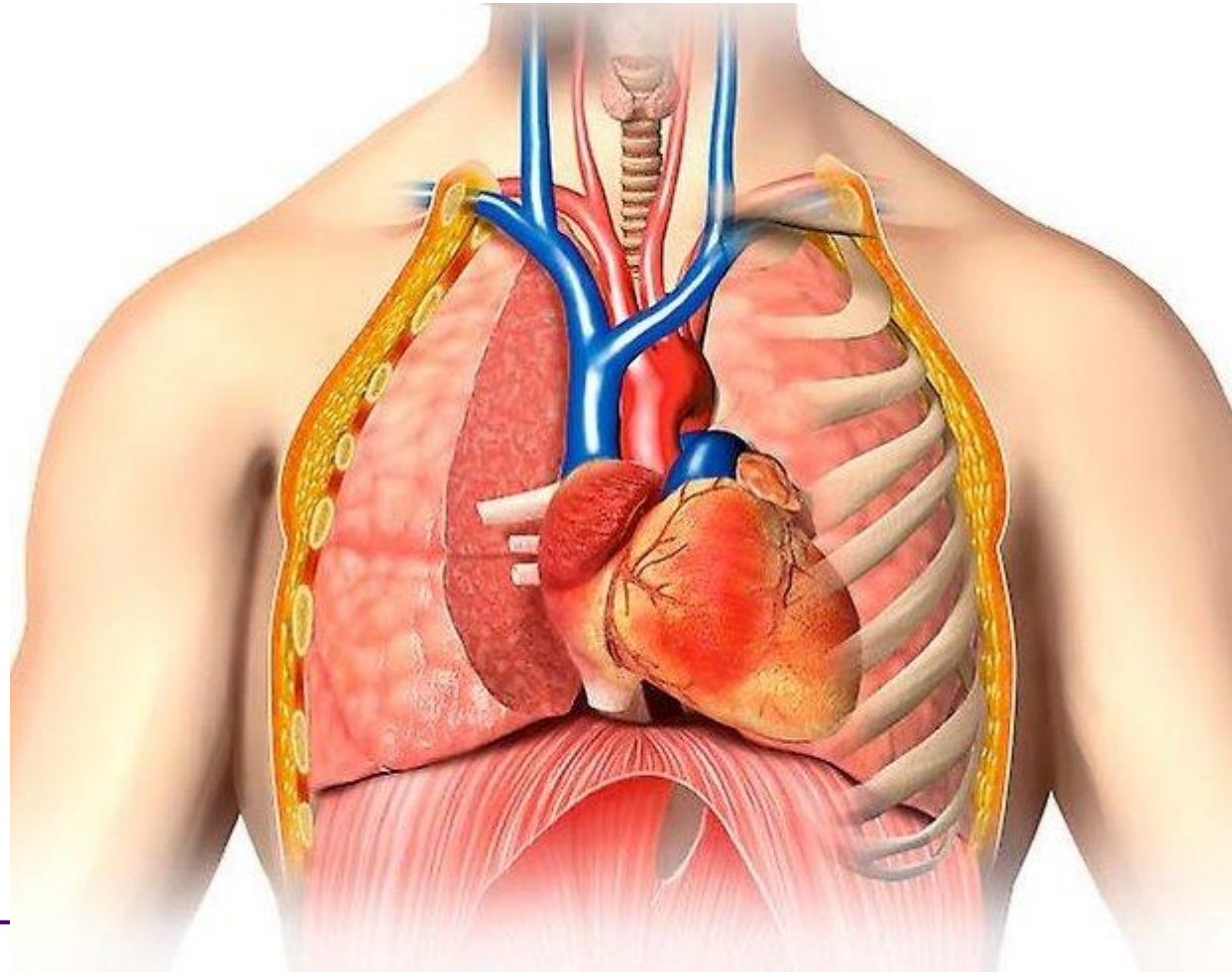
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post SSRF

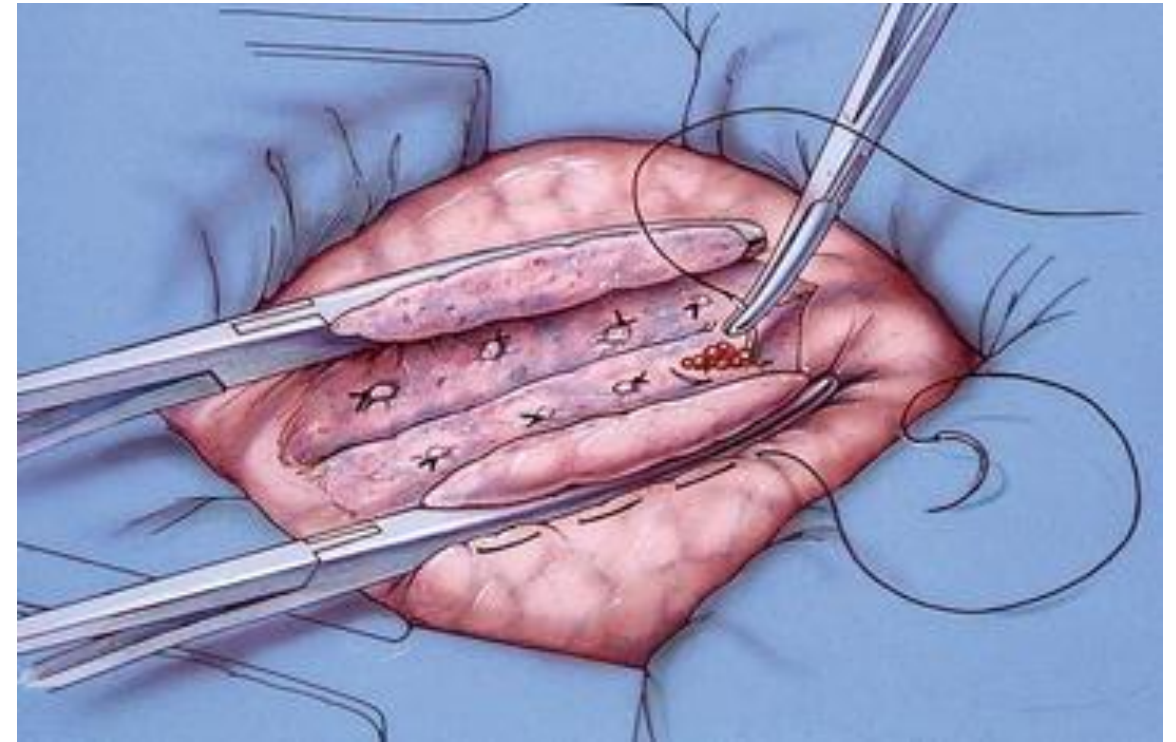
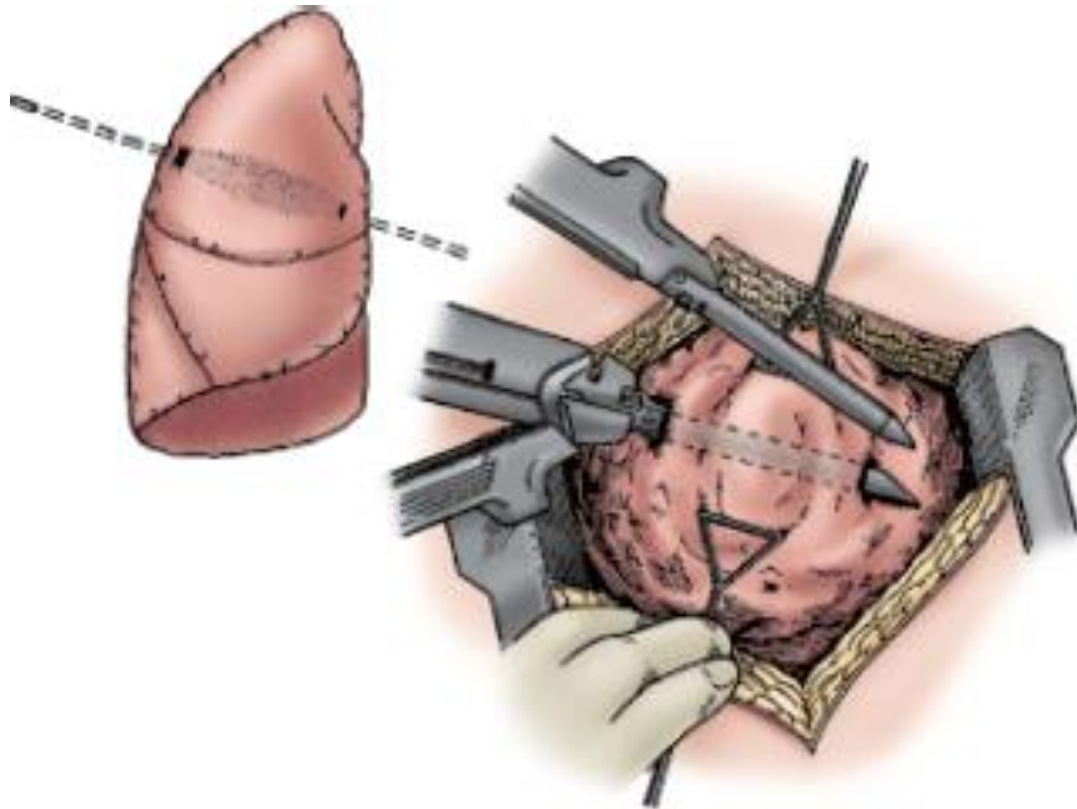
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Penetrating thoracic Injury

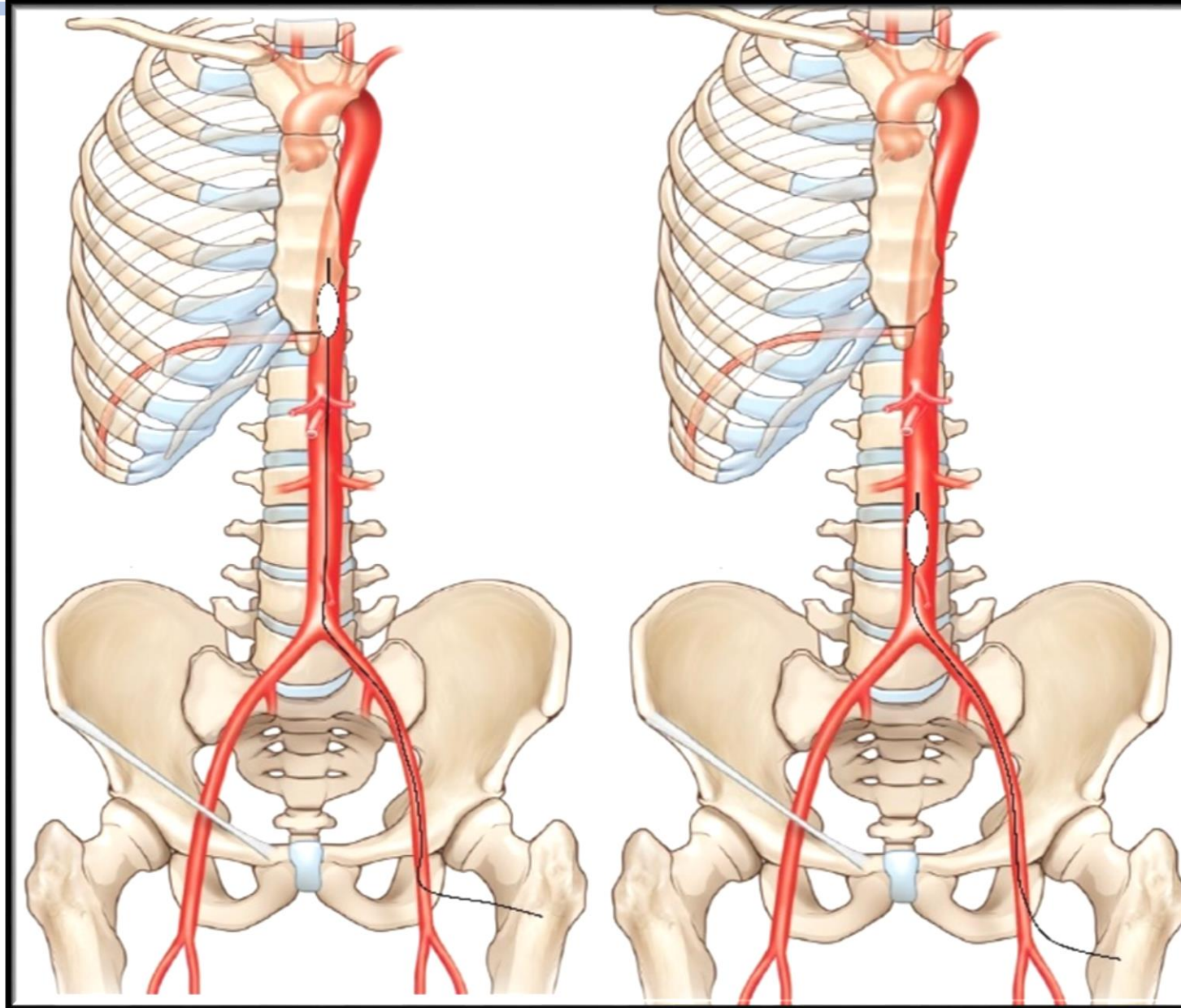


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Pulmonary tractotomy



REBOA (Resuscitative Endovascular Balloon Occlusion of the Aorta)



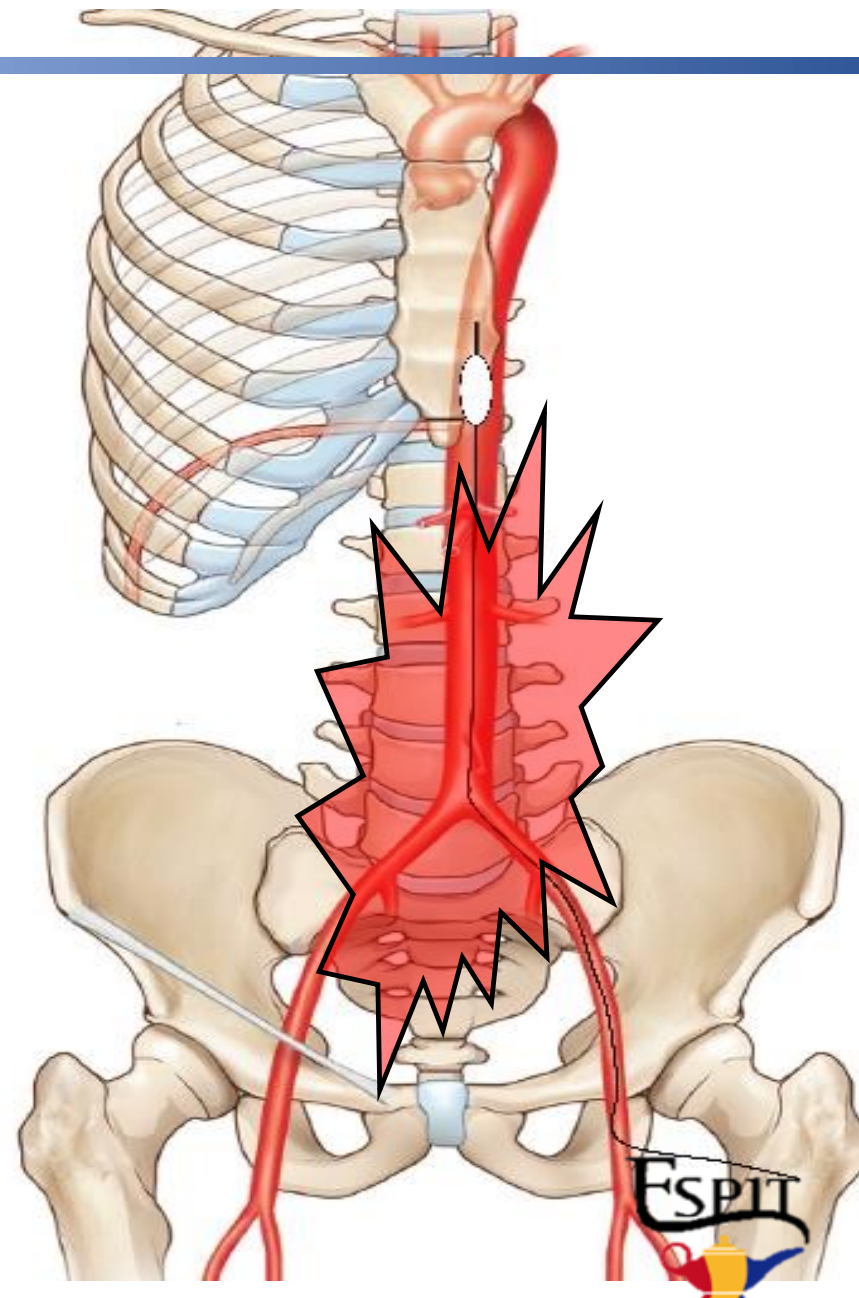
NCTH (Non-compressible torso hemorrhage)

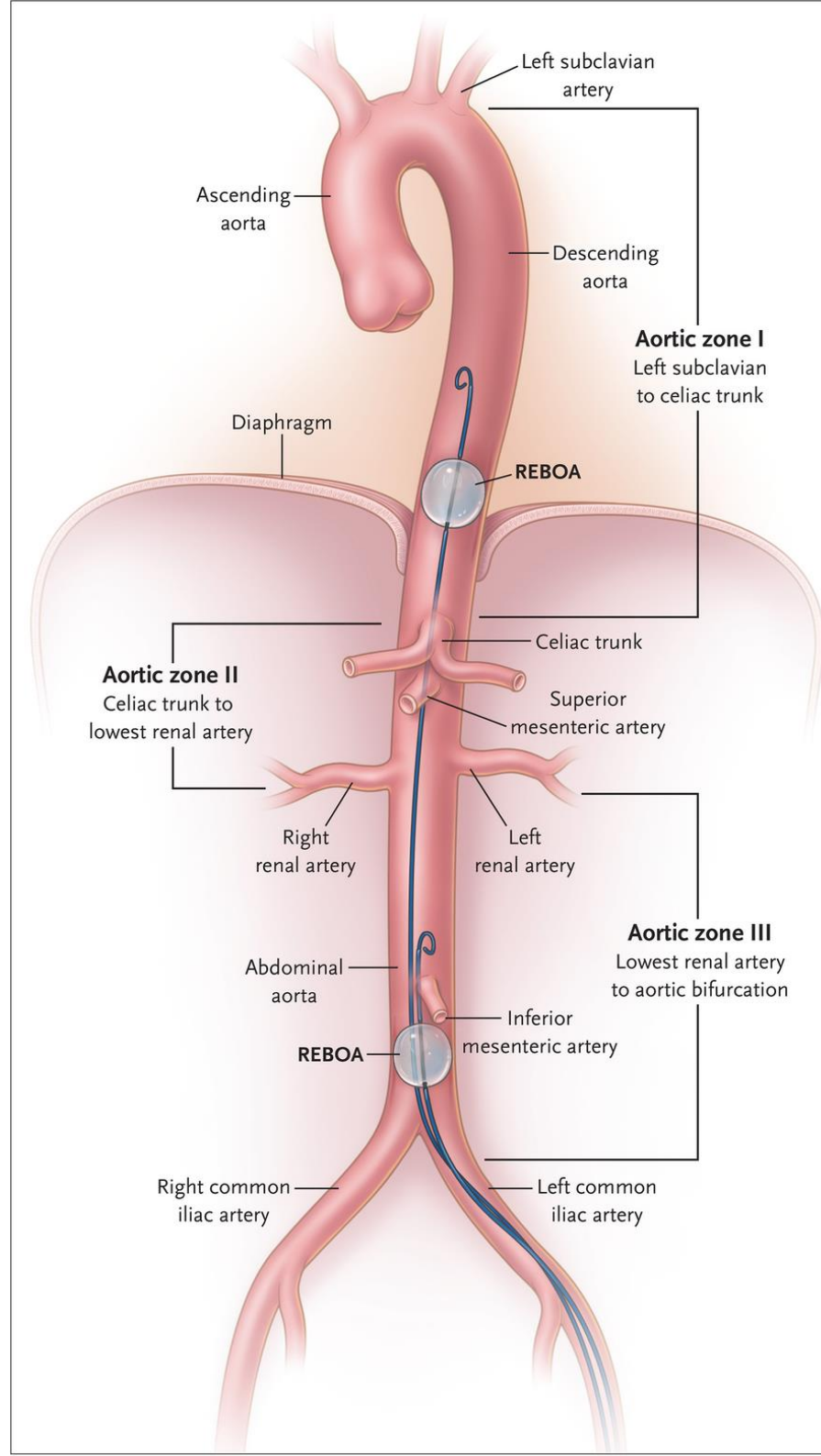
Table 1. Non-compressible torso hemorrhage, which consists of one of the anatomic criteria⁵.

Anatomic criteria
1. Pulmonary injury (massive haemothorax, pulmonary vascular injury)
2. Solid organ injury = grade 4 (liver, kidney, spleen)
3. Named axial torso vessel
4. Pelvic fracture with ring disruption

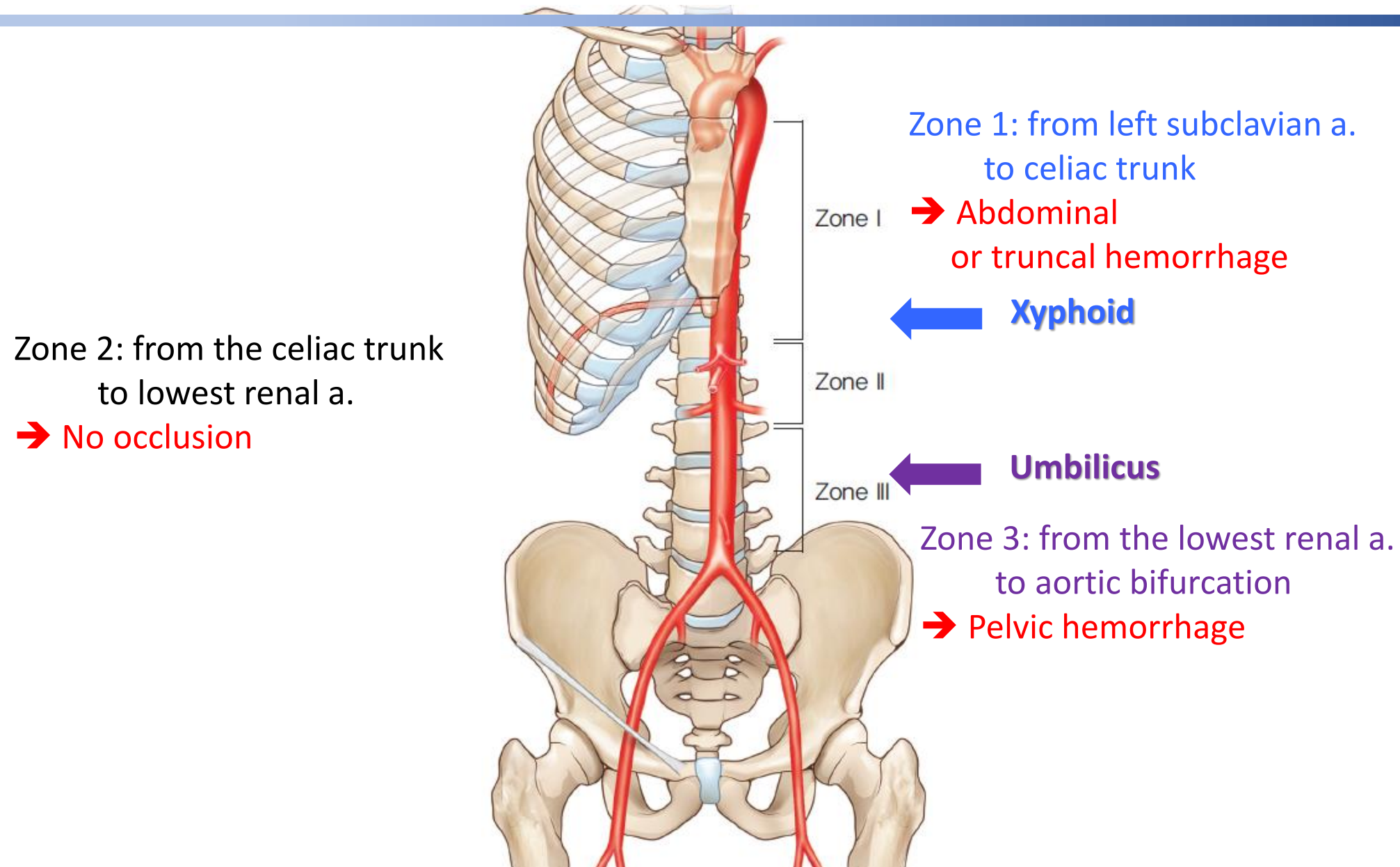
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Balloon inflation to occlude the aorta flow



Blunt trauma without open wound

- Pneumothorax or hemothorax

→ Clean thoracostomy





Clean thoracostomy

- Q.
 - ① Continuous while having a chest tube
 - ② Once before and once after placing the chest tube
 - ③ Only once before chest tube placement
 - ④ No antibiotics required

Clean thoracostomy

- A.
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* Freeman JJ, Asfaw SH, Vatsaas CJ, et al. Antibiotic prophylaxis for tube thoracostomy placement in trauma: a practice management guideline from the Eastern Association for the Surgery of Trauma. Trauma Surg Acute Care Open. 2022;7(1):e000886.



Penetrating trauma (without esophageal injury)

- Prophylactic intravenous antibiotics should be administered

→ Cefazolin 2 g IV Q8h
Use for 24 hours after surgery

* Sanabria A, Valdivieso E, Gomez G, Echeverry G. Prophylactic antibiotics in chest trauma: a meta-analysis of high-quality studies. World J Surg. 2006;30(10):1843-1847.

Chest trauma with esophageal injury

- Broad-spectrum intravenous antibiotics
 - Covering aerobes and anaerobes
 - Ampicillin/sulbactam (3 gm QID)
 - Piperacillin/tazobactam (3.375 gm QID)
 - Clindamycin (900 mg TID) + Ciprofloxacin (400 mg BID)
 - Carbapenem



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Chest trauma with esophageal injury

+ Antifungal coverage

- Long-term antacid therapy
- Steroids or other immunosuppressive therapy
- HIV infection
- Known esophageal candidiasis

→ Fluconazole 400 mg QD



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Cardiac injury

- Cardiac laceration or rupture
- Cardiac operation with/without CPB
- Standard preoperative antibiotics should be administered

→ Cefazolin
(Redose interval: 4 hours)

→ or Vancomycin

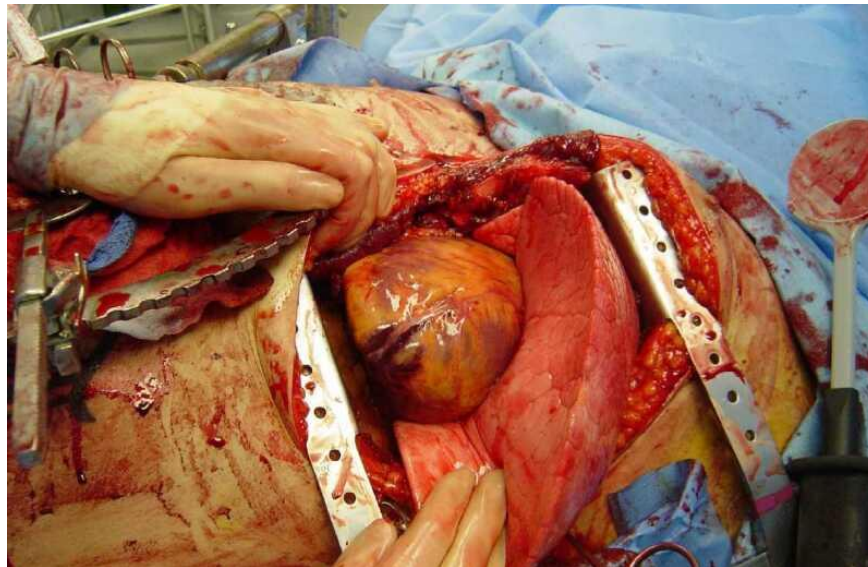
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Resuscitative thoracotomy

- Recommended before any cardiothoracic surgery
- Procedure should not be delayed for antibiotic administration

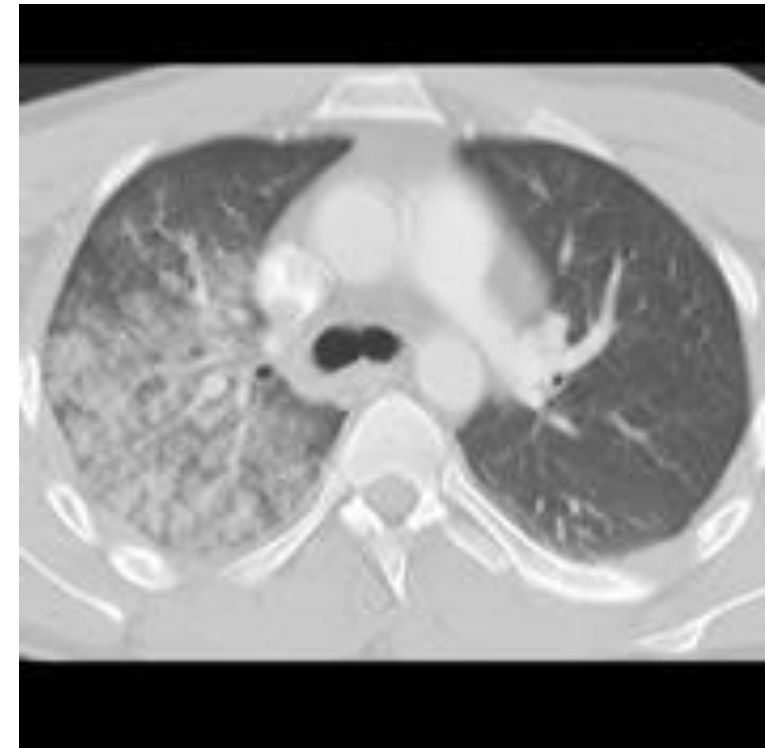
± Enteric gram-negative bacilli

- Aminoglycoside (gentamicin 5 mg/kg IV)
- Fluoroquinolone (ciprofloxacin 400 mg IV or levofloxacin 500 mg IV)



Pulmonary and tracheobronchial injury

- Lung contusion:
 - For treatment of advanced pneumonia
 - Not prophylaxis
- Traumatic pulmonary pseudocyst:
 - Still controversial
 - Infected?
- TBI:
 - Non-operative management
 - Broad-spectrum antibiotic coverage





Chest wall pain after trauma

- Impaired function, recovery, and quality of life
- Prolonged opioid use/opioid-induced adverse events
- Morbidity
 - Pneumonia
 - Ileus
- Health economic impact
 - Increase length of stay, time to discharge, readmission rates
 - Increase cost of care

Pain management

- NSAIDs
- AAP
- Opioids
- Gabapentin
- IV & Epidural PCA
- Intercostal nerve block
- Paravertebral catheter
- Subcutaneous catheter

➔ **Multimodal management**



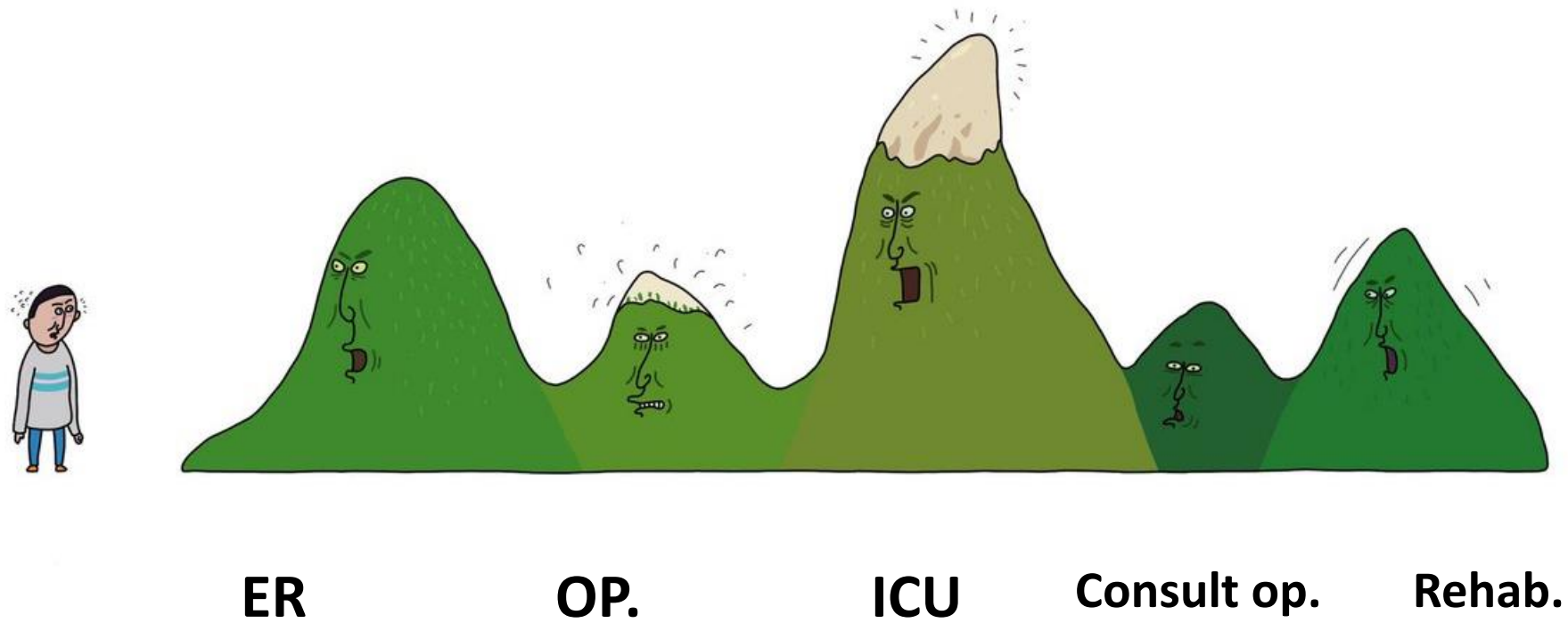


Physiotherapy and rehabilitation

- Early physiotherapy → reduced respiratory complications and length of stay
- Encourage physiotherapy as early as possible
- Rehabilitation is an essential component of successful treatment of **thoracic trauma**



Trauma..



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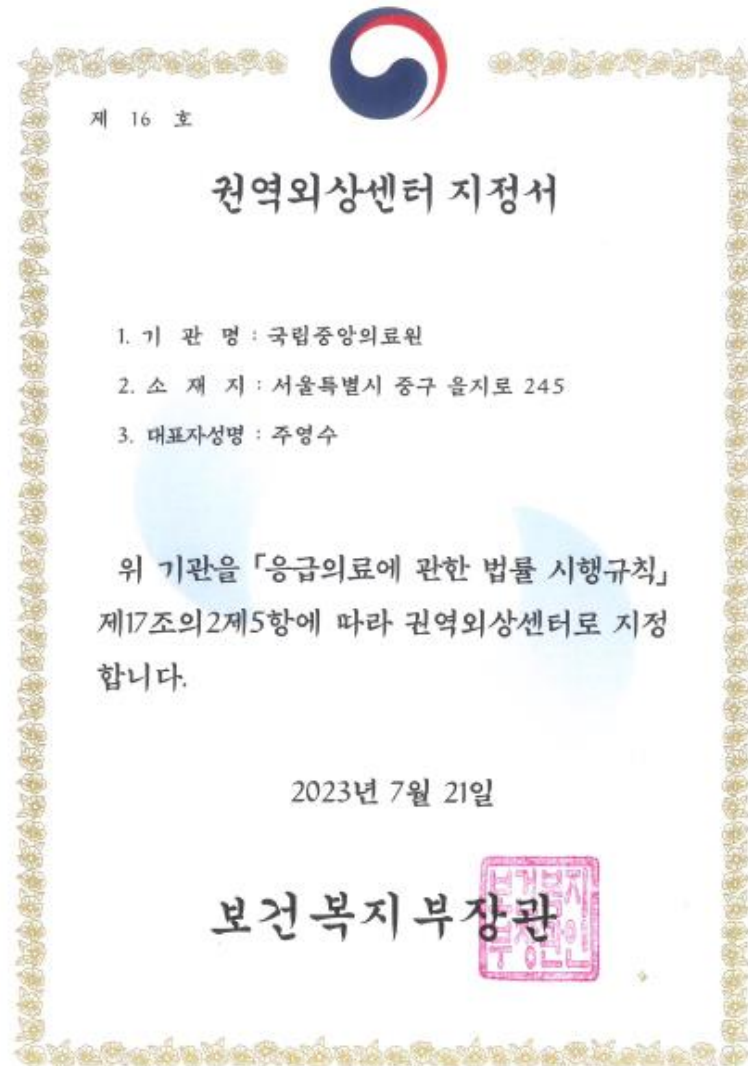
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Consult op.

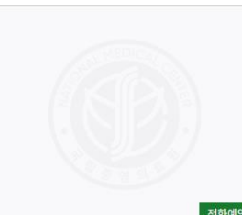
Rehab.

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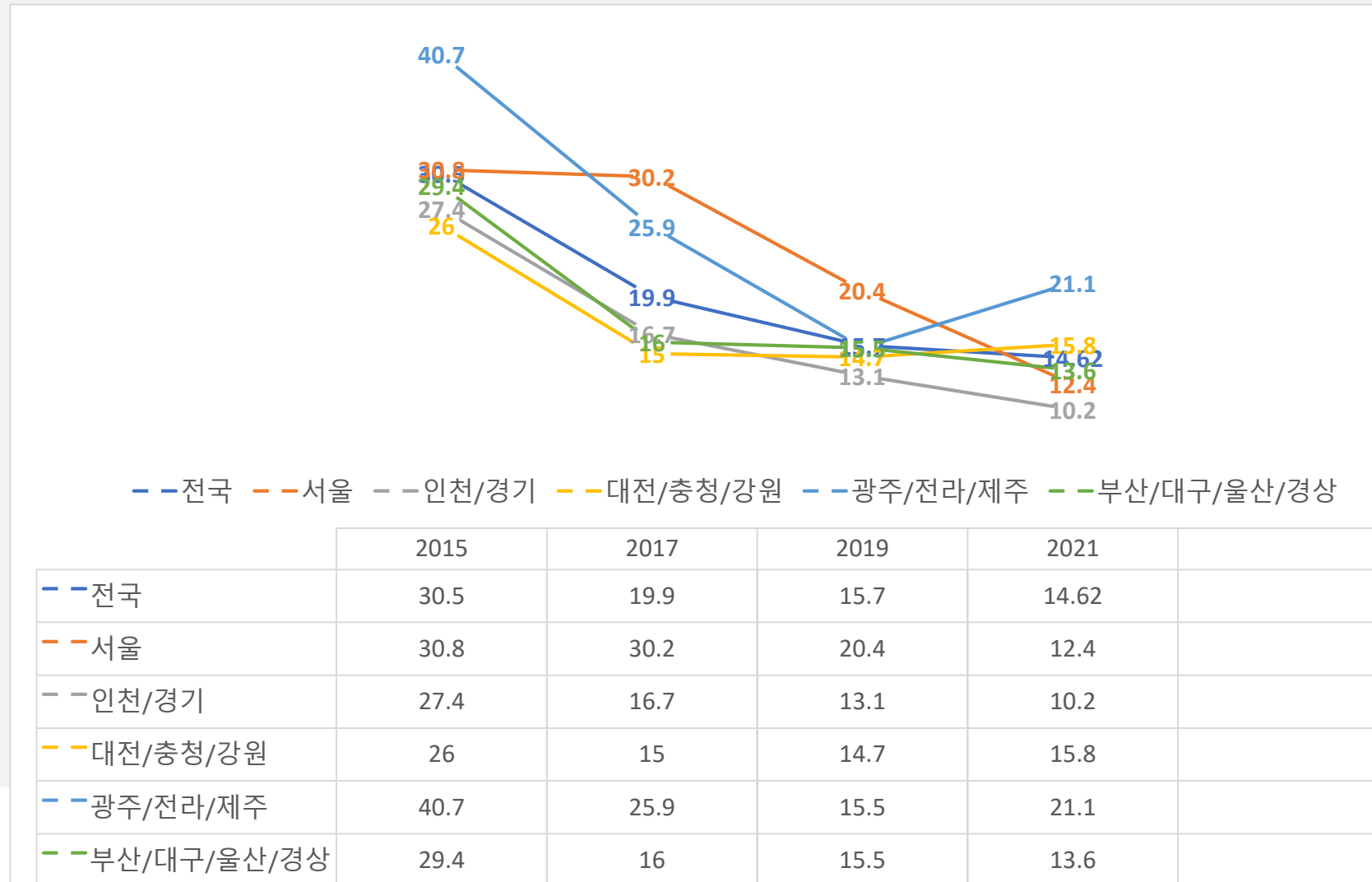
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