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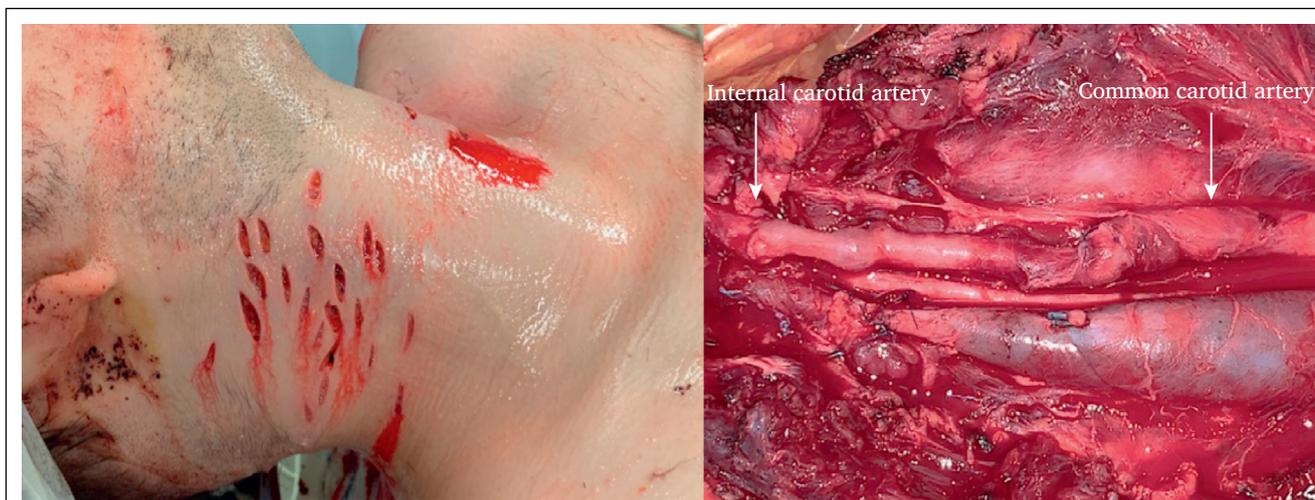
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## COUP D'OEIL

# Emergency Carotid Transection Treatment Following Multiple Cervical Stab Injuries

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A 25 year old man who attempted suicide was admitted with multiple cervical stab injuries. Emergency neck exploration was undertaken. When proceeding with dissection of the cervical vessels, transection of the carotid bifurcation was detected. The common carotid artery was approached and clamped before both the external and internal carotid arteries. Sacrificing the external carotid artery, it was decided to interpose a segment of great saphenous vein to create a common to internal carotid artery bypass. The patient was discharged on day 7 following an uneventful post-operative recovery.

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