

REUNION CLUB DE AUTOPSIAS SEAP

Infarto cerebral por trombosis
carotídea secundaria
a contusión cervical

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PRESENTACION DEL CASO

Varón de 33 años, sin AP de interés.

Ingresa en el HU Virgen del Rocío el 23.09.09 (7.43) con el diagnóstico de:

➤ **“TC ocasionando ictus isquémico”** (al parecer, tarde-noche previa había sufrido un golpe con un balón en el cuello mientras jugaba como portero en un partido de fútbol).

Se practica TAC craneal que pone de manifiesto:

➤ **Infarto isquémico en el territorio de la art. cerebromedia derecha como consecuencia de una disección traumática de la art. carótida interna derecha.**

PRESENTACION DEL CASO

Presentó hipertensión endocraneal y herniación cerebral con evolución a muerte cerebral. Entra en programa de donación de órganos que se autorizó por el Juzgado de Guardia.

Fallece a las 11 h del día 3.10.2009 (11 días después del ingreso).

EXAMEN EXTERNO

Peso: 74,9 kg. Talla: 176 cm (IMC: 24,3 kg/m² ?)

P. Abdominal: 85 cm

En la superficie externa del cadáver se aprecian las siguientes lesiones:

Incisión quirúrgica en región fronto-parieto-temporal hecha con ausencia de calota craneal (craniectomía compresiva).

Incisiones quirúrgicas en tórax, abdomen y miembros superiores (extracción de órganos).

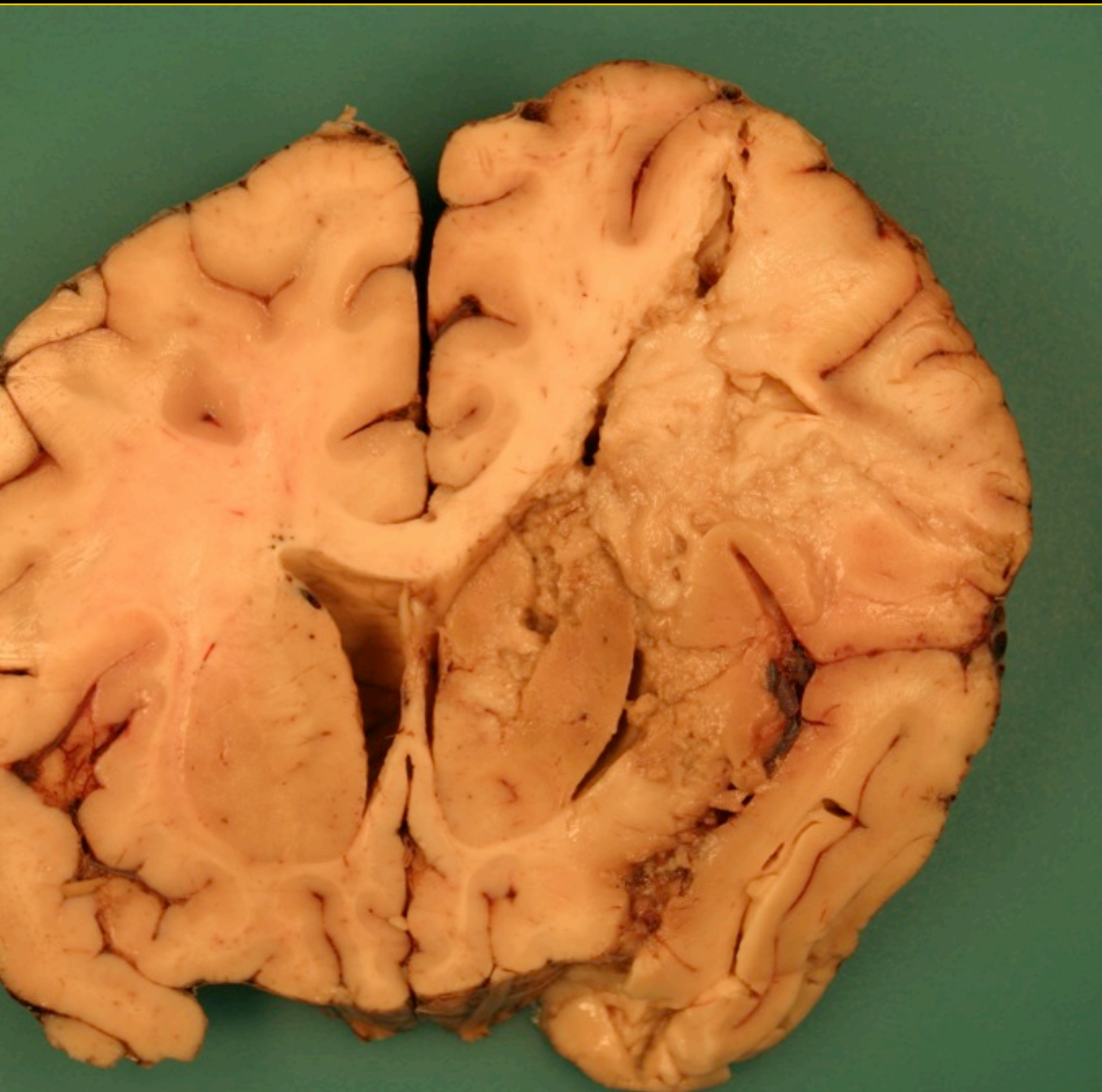
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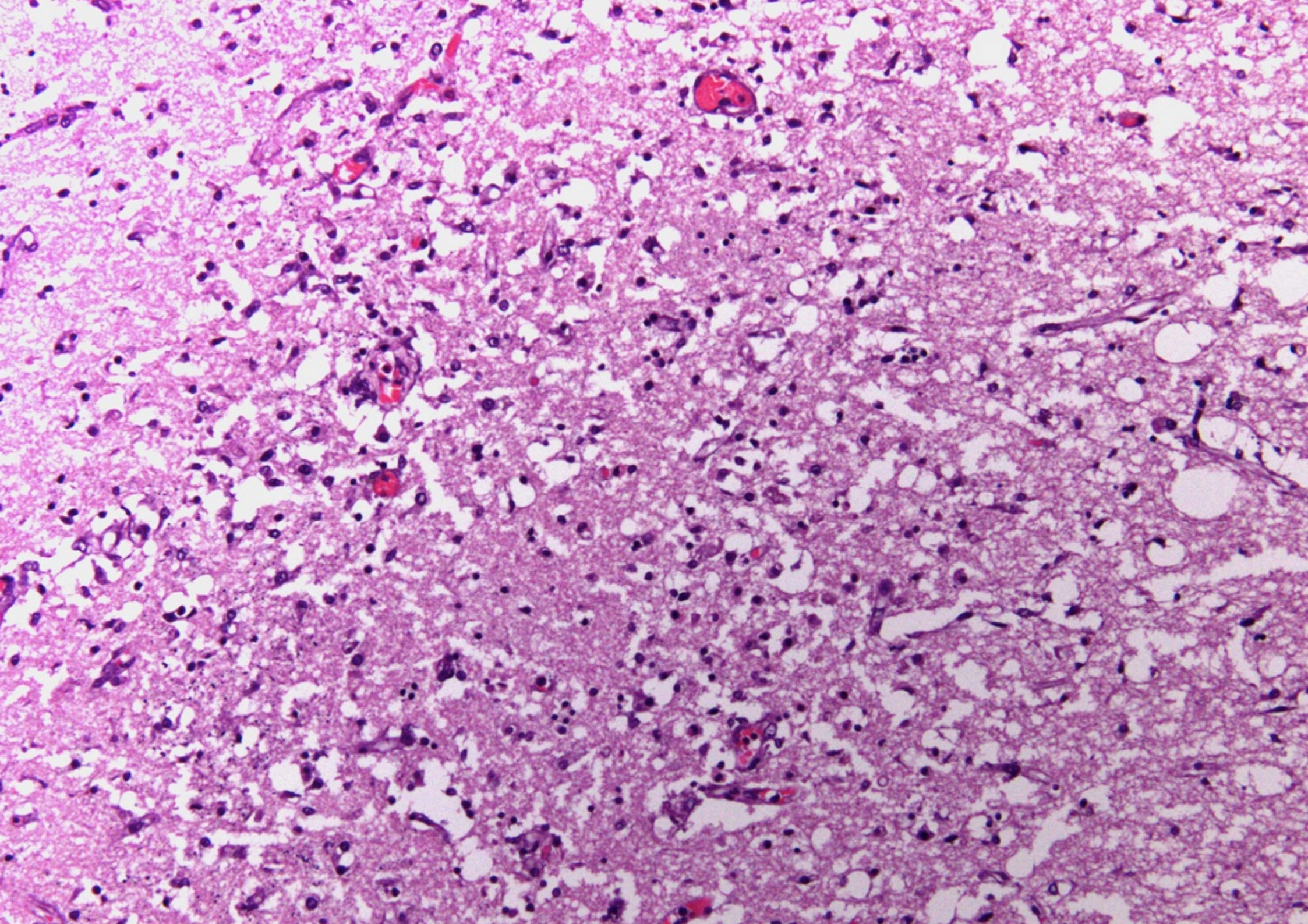


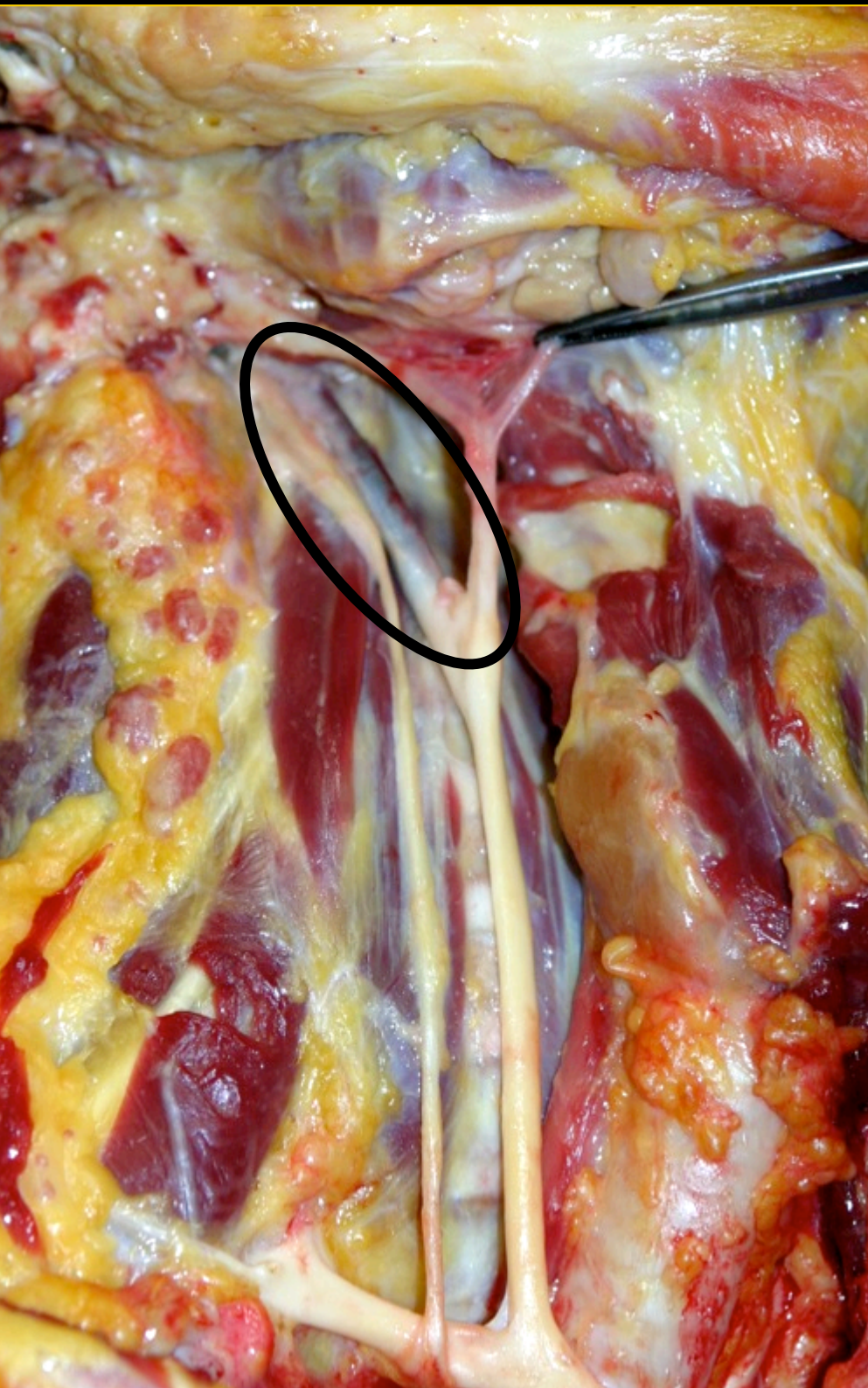
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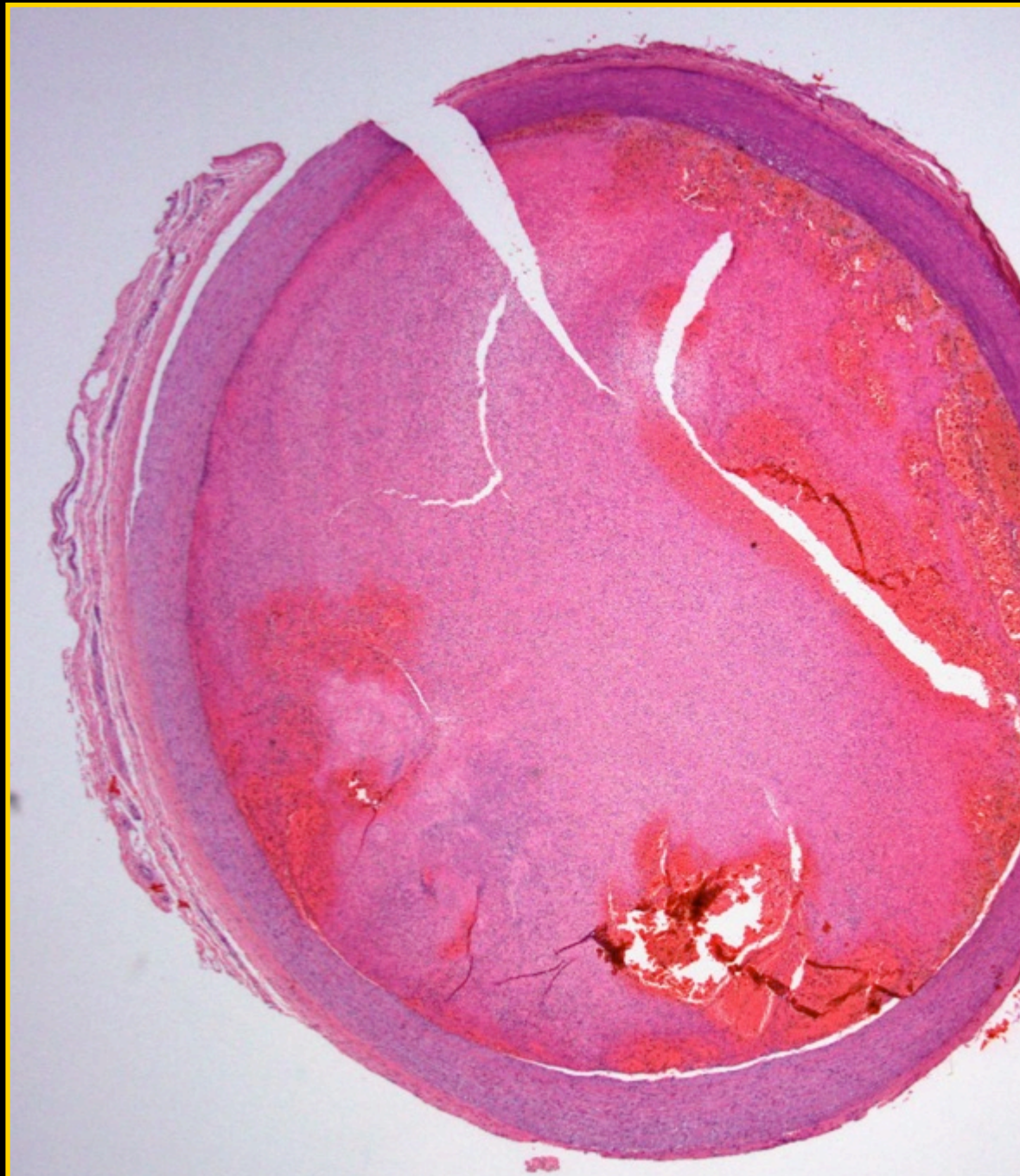


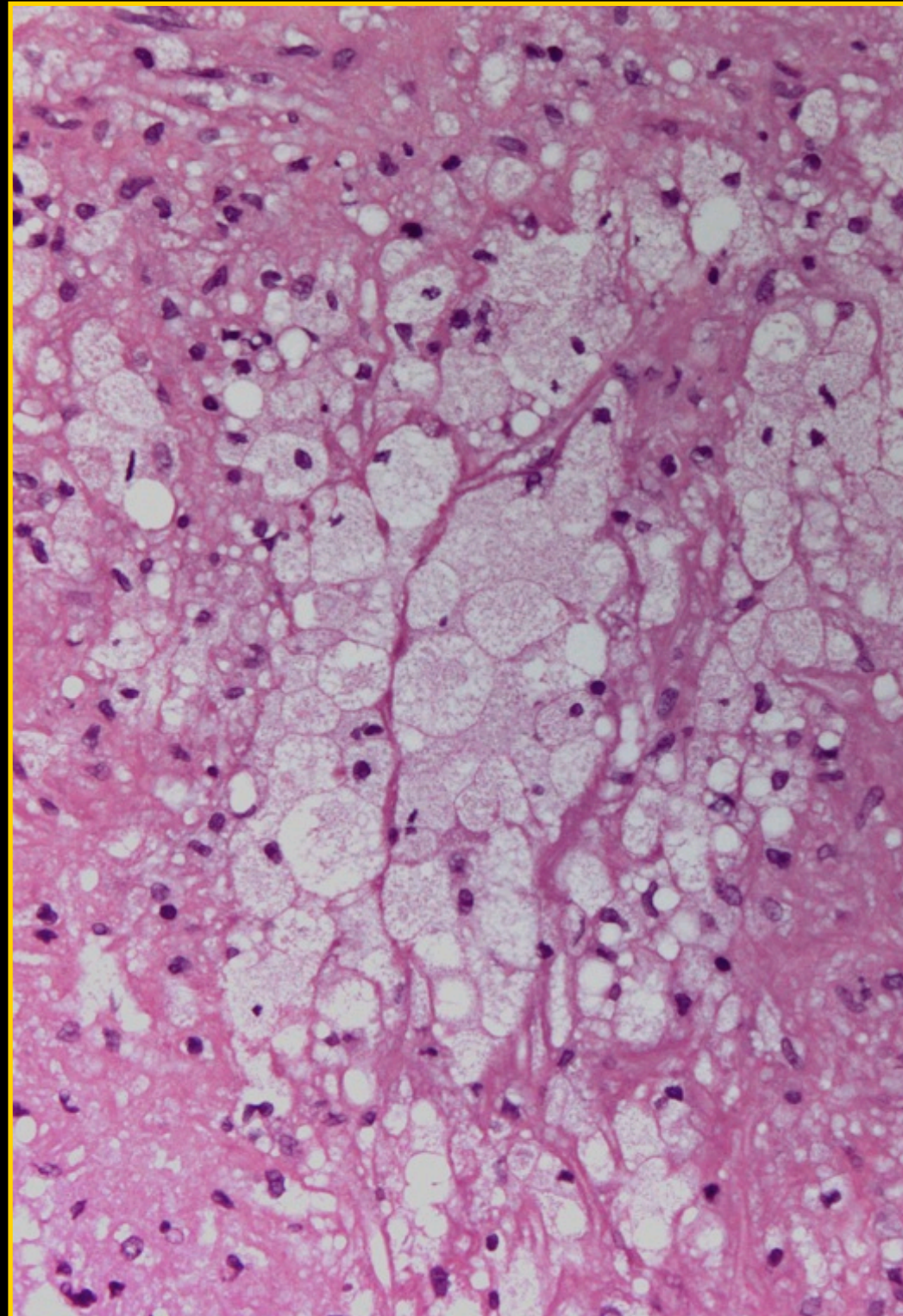
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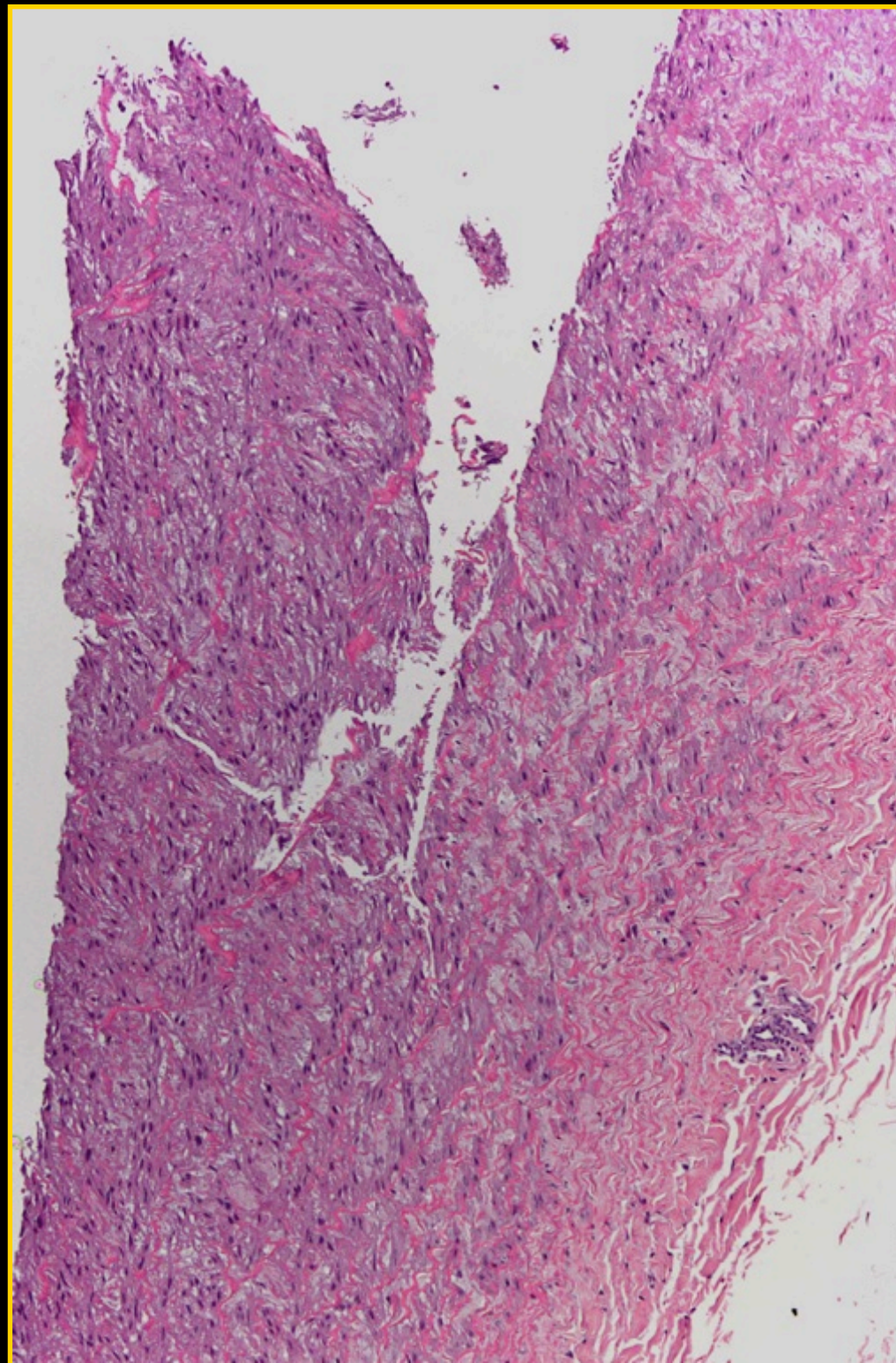


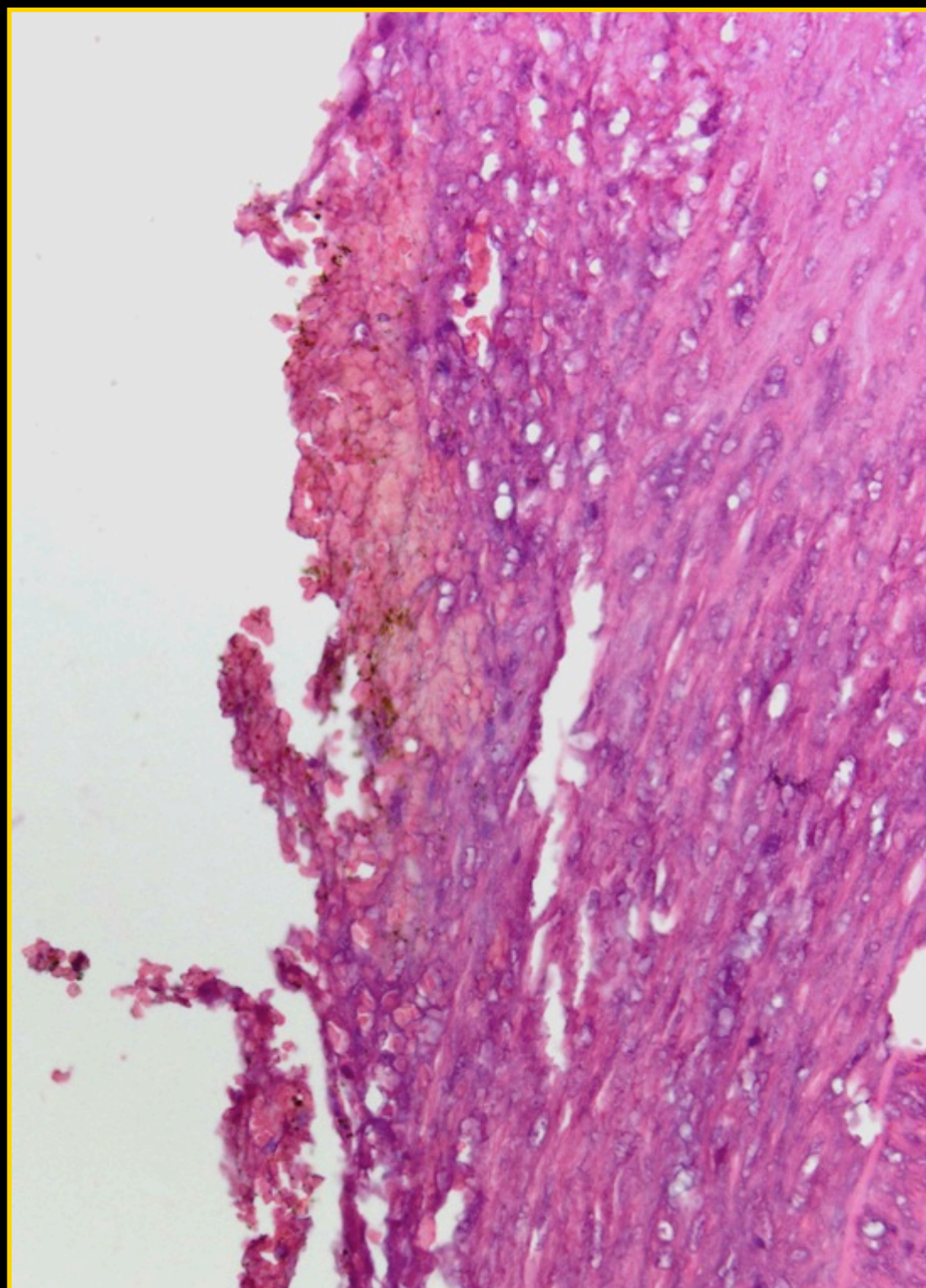
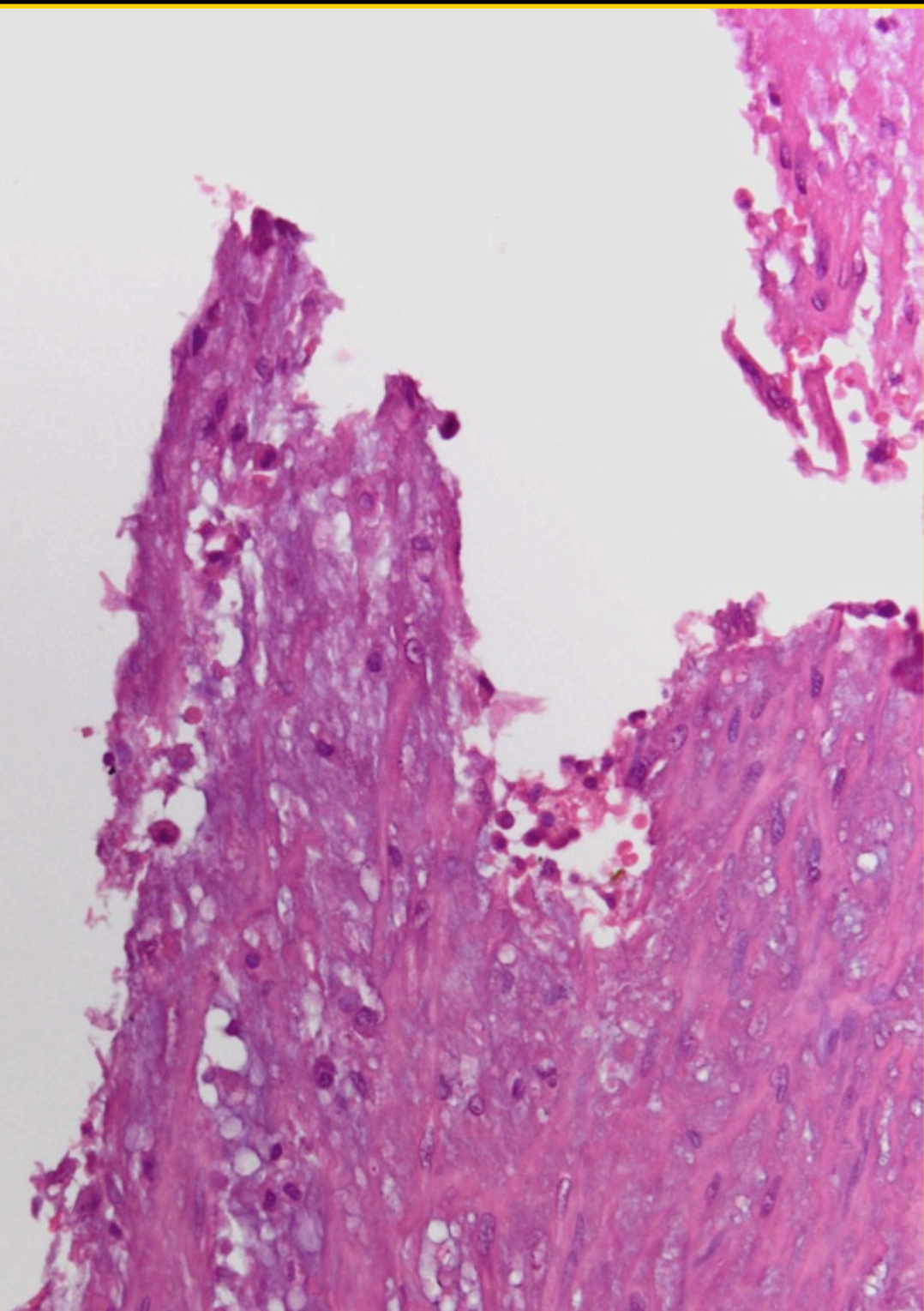












ANATOMIA

EXAMEN INTERNO

• Cavity Torácica:

- Extracción de corazón para transplante.

• Cavity Abdominal:

- Extracción de riñones e hígado para transplante.
- Extracción de bazo para pruebas de histocompatibilidad.

CONCLUSIONES

- Contusión cervical derecha por golpe con balón.
- Desgarro de la íntima de la art. carótida interna derecha con trombosis secundaria.
- La trombosis continúa hasta porción intracraneal de carótida interna y art. cerebral media derecha.
- Infarto isquémico en el territorio de la art. cerebral media derecha.

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Nonpenetrating trauma to the carotid artery: seven cases and a literature review

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Nonpenetrating carotid trauma is uncommon and frequently missed on initial examination. A review of seven patients seen over a period of 21 years are presented and 100 cases from recent literature are reviewed. Causes and mechanisms of injury, clinical presentation, investigations, management, and outcome are discussed. Causes of injury were three motorcycle collisions, two falls, one sports injury, and one blow to the face. Clinical presentation was immediate in four and delayed in three. The earliest symptoms and signs were a change in mental status, headache, unprovoked fall, focal weakness, neglect, and dysphasia. Doppler studies were helpful in screening, but a definitive diagnosis is made with the help of angiography. Two patients were treated surgically; one died, one with delayed symptoms from a pseudoaneurysm that resolved completely. Five patients were given anticoagulants; all survived with permanent neurologic deficits related to their pretreatment neurologic status. The outcome in 100 recent cases from the literature has improved compared with previous reports. The overall mortality was 12%. The outcome in our seven cases supports recent trends toward a strategy of early anticoagulation rather than selective surgical treatment.

ischemia, and infarction following blunt trauma: two cases

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SUMMARY. Carotid artery dissection followed by cerebral infarction as a result of blunt trauma can occur in a number of forensically relevant situations. We describe two such cases. In the first case, a 19-year-old female was involved in a road traffic accident, when her car crashed into the rear of another car. Initially, the young woman presented a minor head injury without loss of consciousness and minor bruising to the left side of the neck. After 48 h, she had developed confusion, speech difficulties, right facial nerve paralysis, and right hemiplegia. CT scan and carotid angiography showed cerebral ischemia with infarction in the territory of the middle left cerebral artery and complete dissection of the left carotid artery. In the second case, a 33-year-old male with depression attempted to hang himself. The rope gave way and he fell down. He had also taken paracetamol, and a non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug overdose. He did not lose consciousness but appeared withdrawn and depressed. Approximately 6 h later, his conscious state deteriorated. A CT scan revealed thrombosis of the left internal carotid artery, extending to the middle cerebral artery. The patient died. These cases reinforce the need for full neurological assessment and review of any individual subject to blunt trauma to the neck, whether accidental or deliberate or where the history is incomplete. In the forensic setting, in particular, RTAs, suspension by the neck, strangulation, and garotting are all instances when examination and assessment must be thorough – and clear advice given – in the absence of any immediate signs or symptoms, so that any new symptoms or signs require immediate and thorough neurological investigation. There should be a low threshold for prolonged neurological observation or further neurovascular investigations such as ultrasound, CT or MRI scan, or angiography, to minimize the risk of developing a potentially fatal or incapacitating

CASE REPORT

Carotid Artery Injury with Cerebral Infarction Following Head and Neck Blunt Trauma: Report of a Case

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Blunt injury to the carotid artery is rare but may produce a devastating outcome with long-term morbidity. Initial recognition by clinicians is often difficult because of the diverse clinical manifestations, the delay in presentation of symptoms, and the associated multi-organ system injuries that accompany carotid injury. Early diagnosis and successful management of traumatic carotid artery injury require a high index of clinical suspicion. We report here in a 20-year-old male victim of internal carotid artery injury induced by a motorcycle accident who initially presented with a clear consciousness and had normal computed tomogram (CT) of brain. Two days after injury, the patient suffered from left hemiplegia and coma. The follow-up brain CT showed acute infarction of right cerebrum and severe cere-



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CLÍNICA

Lesión traumática de la arteria carótida interna por el cinturón de seguridad: descripción de dos casos

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LESIONES CONTUSAS DE LA ART. CARÓTIDA

Son muy raras. Hasta el 1% tras contusiones en el cuello.

Tasa de mortalidad del 5-43% y tasa de secuelas neurológicas del 37-70%.

Los síntomas suelen aparecer 12-24 h. después de trauma.

Biomecánica: Desaceleración rápida con hiperextensión y rotación contralateral del cuello.

LESIONES CONTUSAS DE LA ART. CARÓTIDA

Estiramiento de la art. carótida interna sobre las apófisis transversas de las primeras vértebras cervicales lo que provoca desgarro de la íntima y trombosis secundaria.

90% de las lesiones de carótida son extracraneales, a 1-2 cm de la bifurcación.

Mecanismos de producción:

- Acc. de tráfico (automóvil y motocicleta)
- Caídas
- Acc. Deportivos
- Pelears

