

Hard signs

Require immediate operative management

Of vascular injury

- Severe/pulsatile bleeding
- Rapidly expanding or pulsatile haematoma
- Shock not responding to fluid
- Vascular bruit or thrill
- Absent or faint radial pulses
- Signs of cerebral ischaemia

Of aerodigestive injury

- Large volume haemoptysis or haematemesis
- Bubbling wound
- Severe respiratory distress
- Large volume subcutaneous air