

MEDICAL UPDATE CASE PRESENTATION

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- **NAME:** S.M
- **AGE/SEX:** 13 yrs, Male, student
- **D.O.A:** 17/6/11
- **D.O.D:** 29/6/11

CHIEF COMPLAINTS

- Headache on & off since 6/52 over occipital region
- Gets worse on waking up
- Vomitting
- Photophobia & phonophobia
- Blurring of vision & generalised weakness

- PMH

UNREMARKABLE

- PSH



- **GENERAL PHYSICAL EXAMINATION:**

Normal

- **SYSTEMIC EXAMINATION:**

CVS

RS

P/A

Normal



➤ CNS:

o GCS: 15/15

o Pupils: B/L sluggishly reacting to light

o Higher mental status: Normal

o Cranial nerves examination: Normal

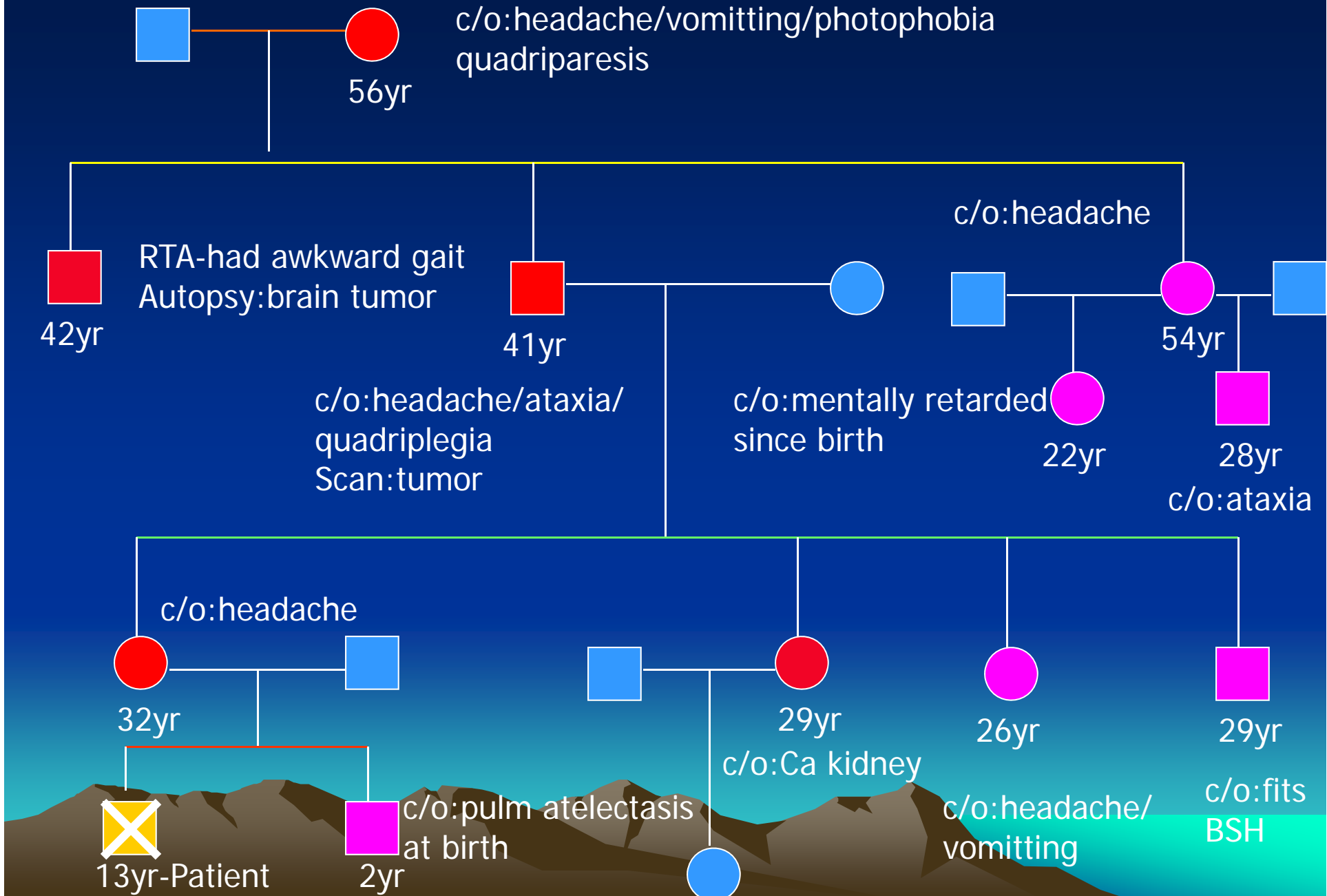
o Focal deficits: -Blurring of vision

-Ataxic gait

o Power 5/5 in all limbs



PEDIGREE



INVESTIGATION

> BASELINE BLOOD ANALYSIS: NORMAL

> CT BRAIN WITH CONTRAST:

Midline 4 x 4 cm post. Cranial fossa lesion s/o pilocystic astrocytoma with mass effect and obstructive hydrocephalus was noted

> MRI

A mass of ~6 cm in post. Cranial fossa, more on R-side with features s/o brain edema is seen



INVESTIGATION (conti)

- **Ultrasound**

Abdomen (liver, spleen, pancreas, kidney, suprarenal, pelvis)-Normal

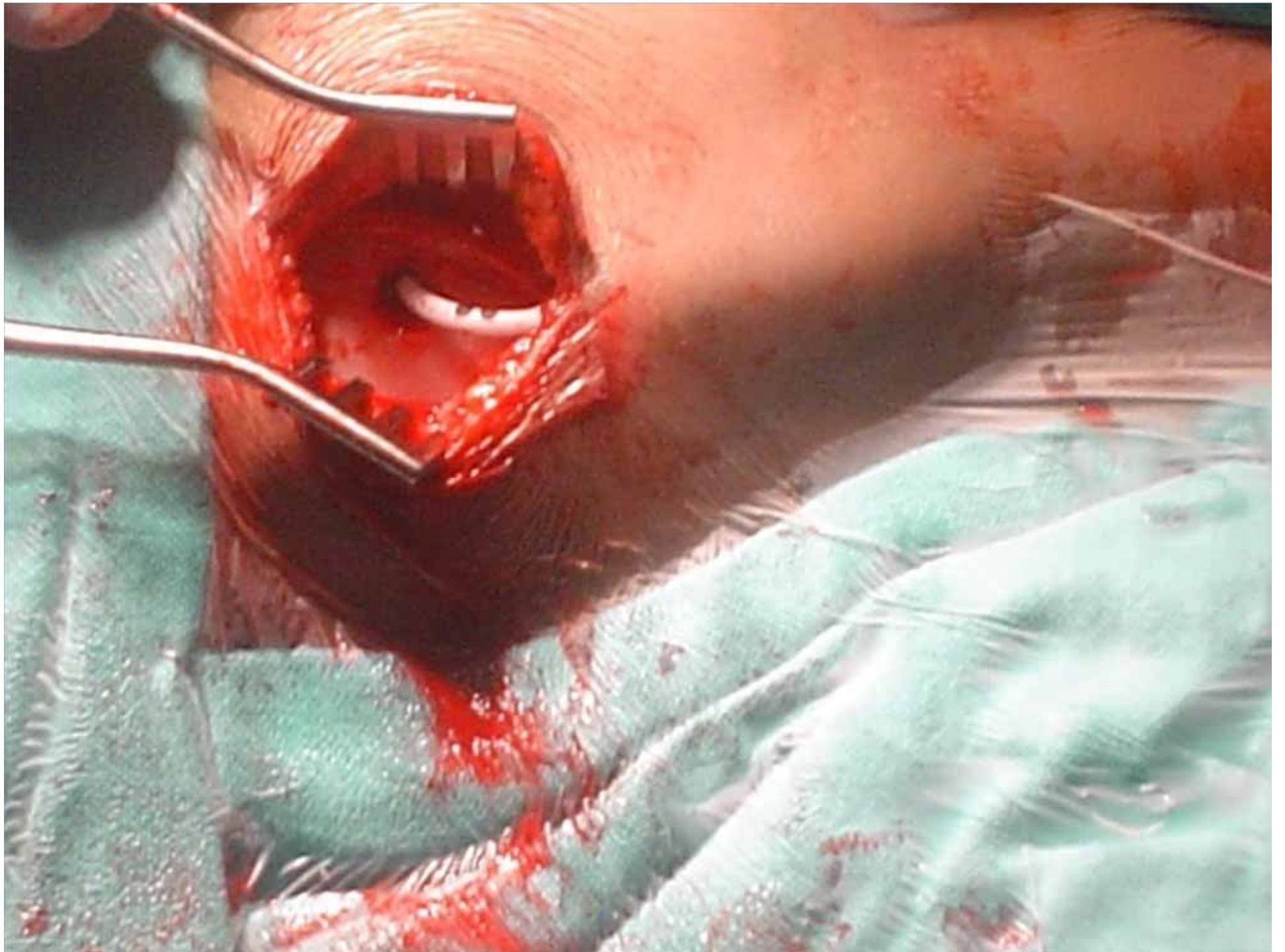
- Ophthalmological assessment -
Normal

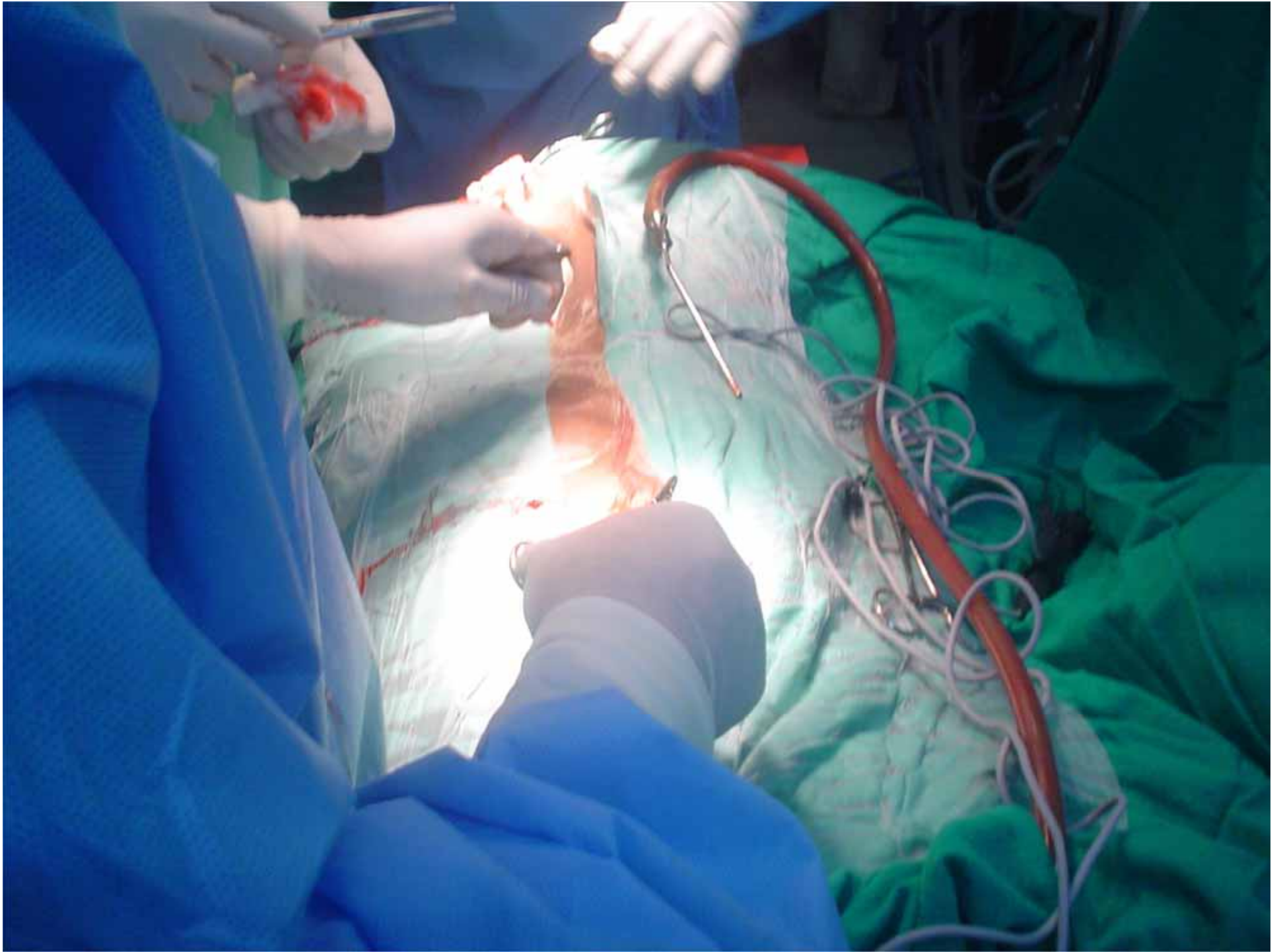


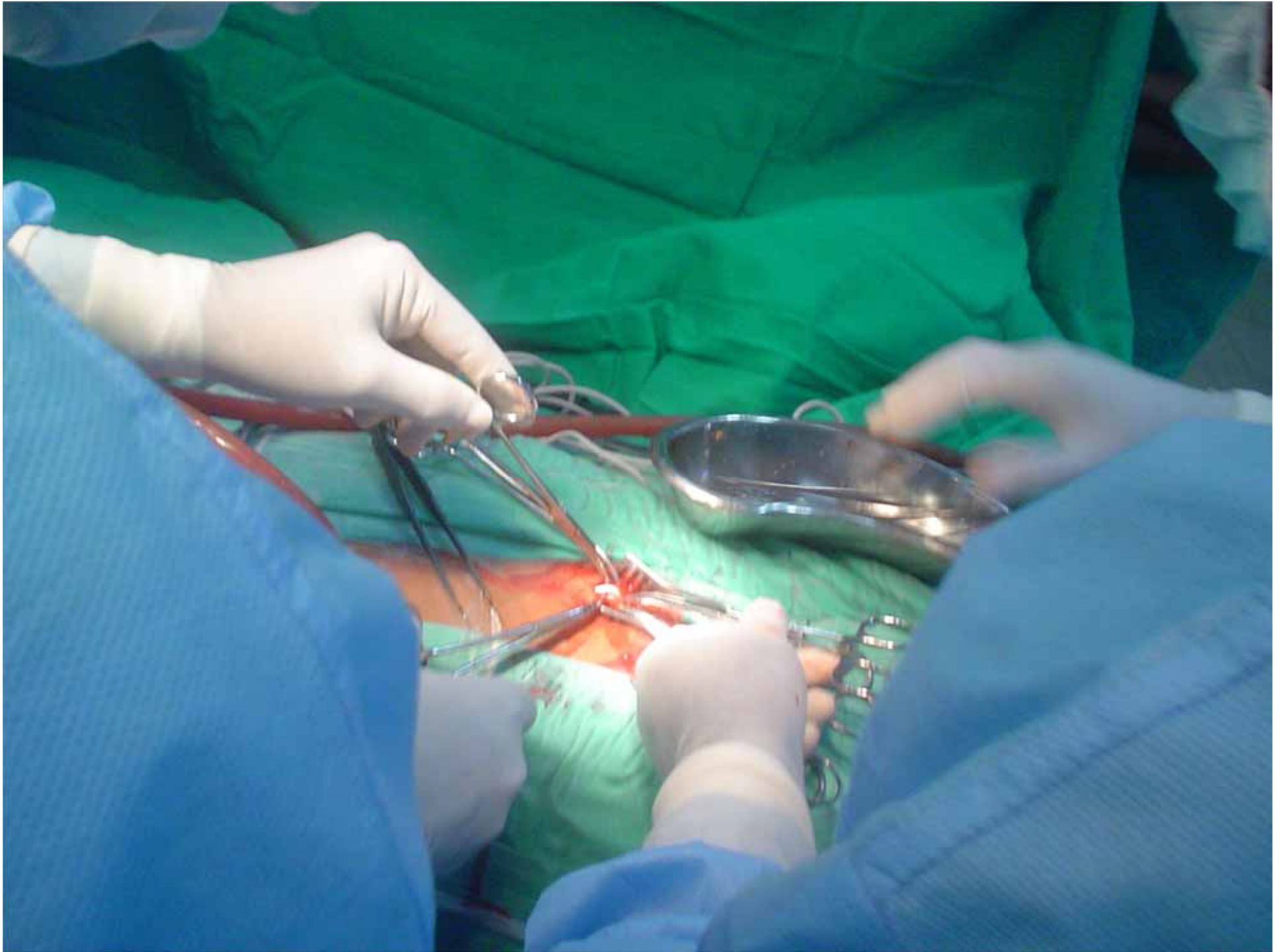
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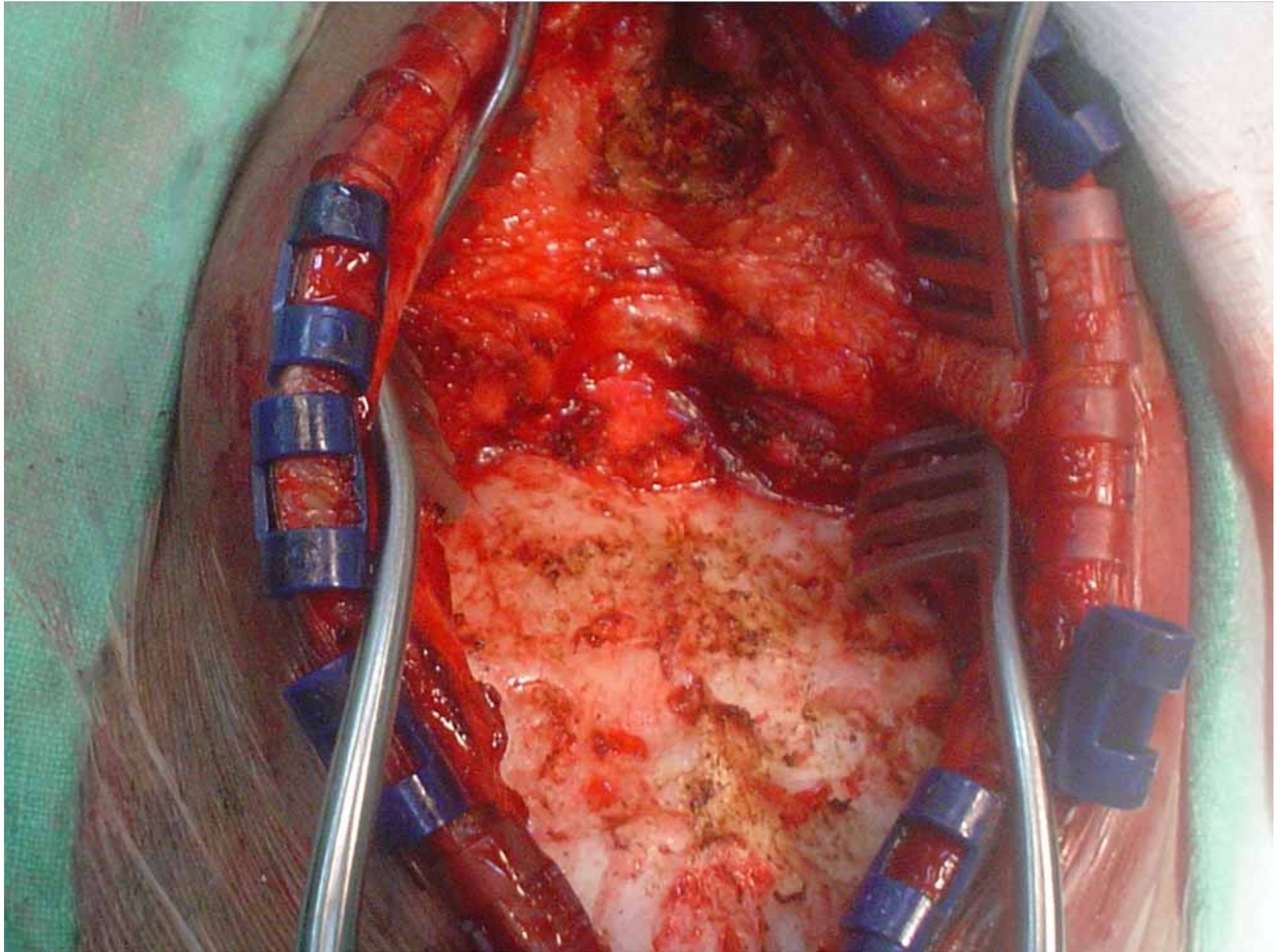
- A ventriculoperitoneal shunt was inserted to relieve increased intracranial pressure on 02/06/11
- Posterior fossa craniectomy for excision of cerebellar cyst and haemangioblastoma was done on 20/06/11

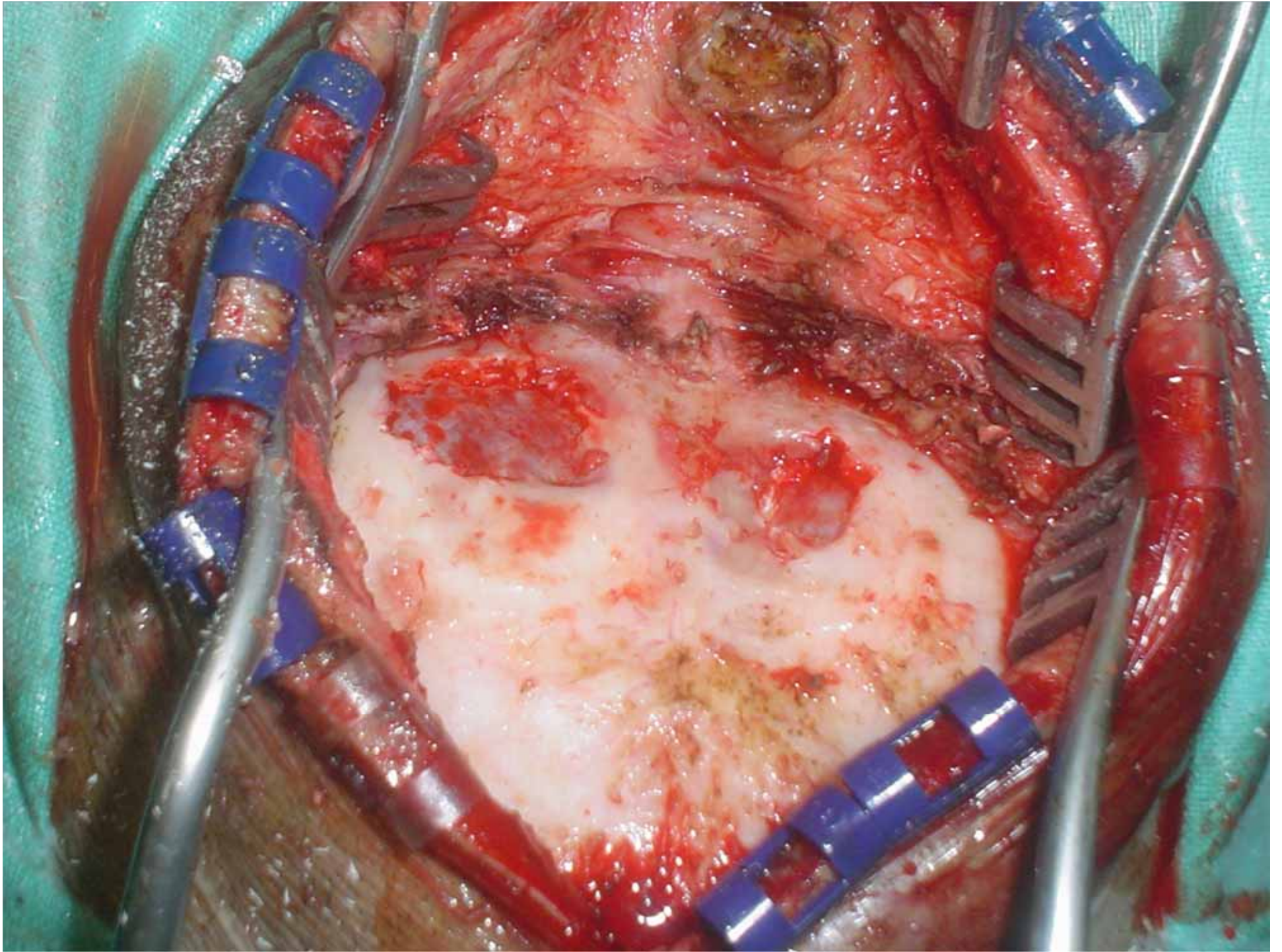


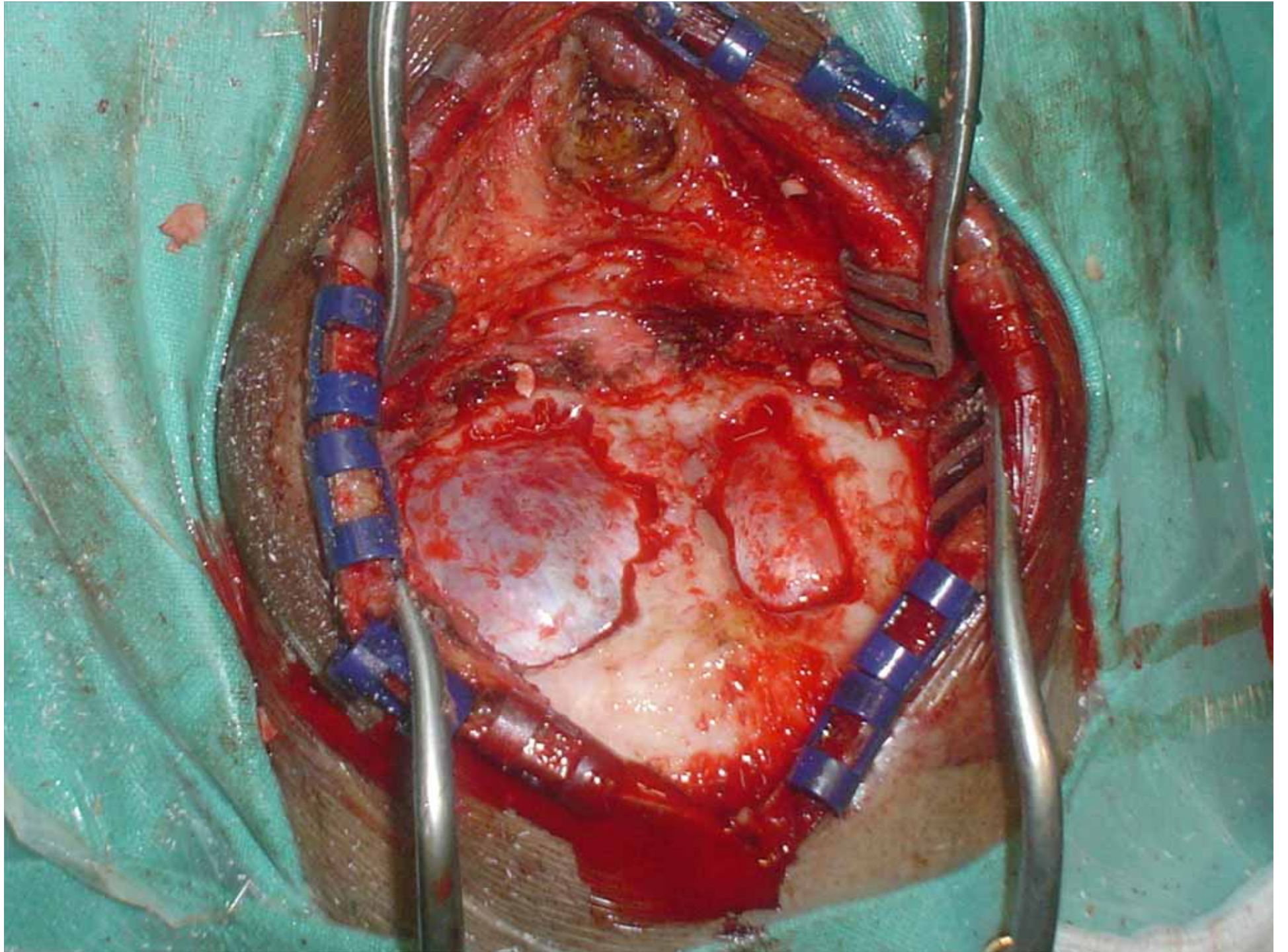


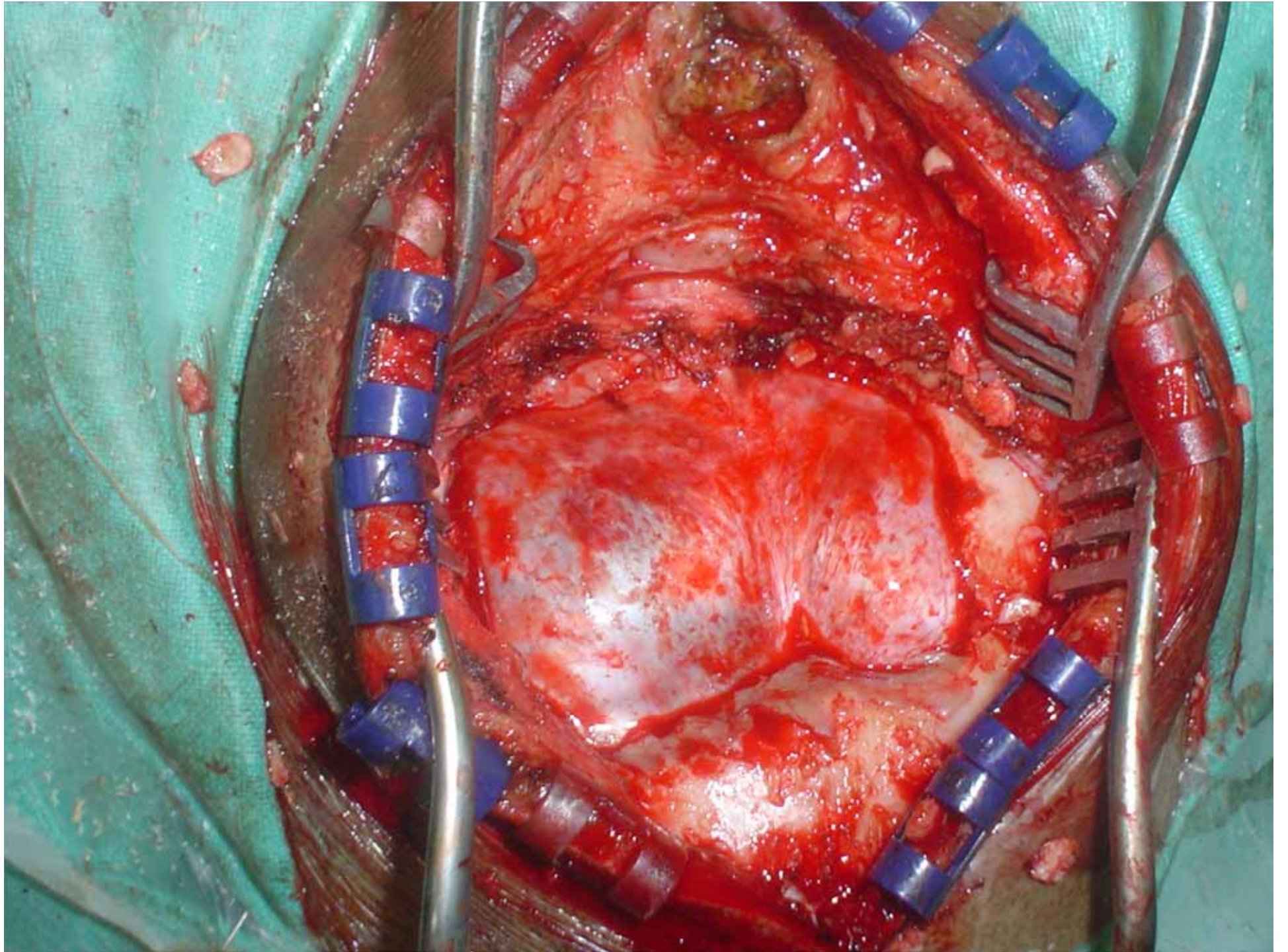


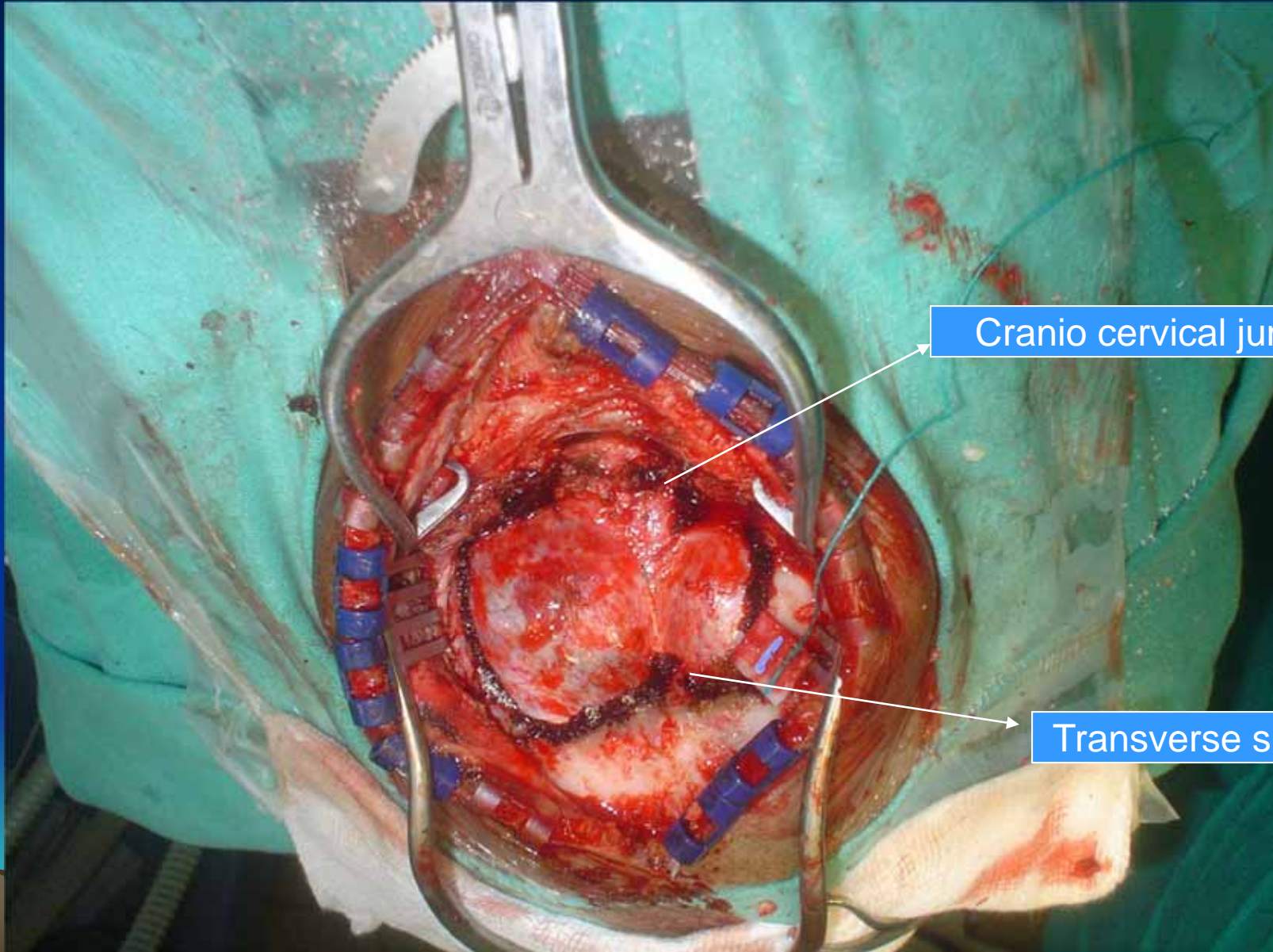






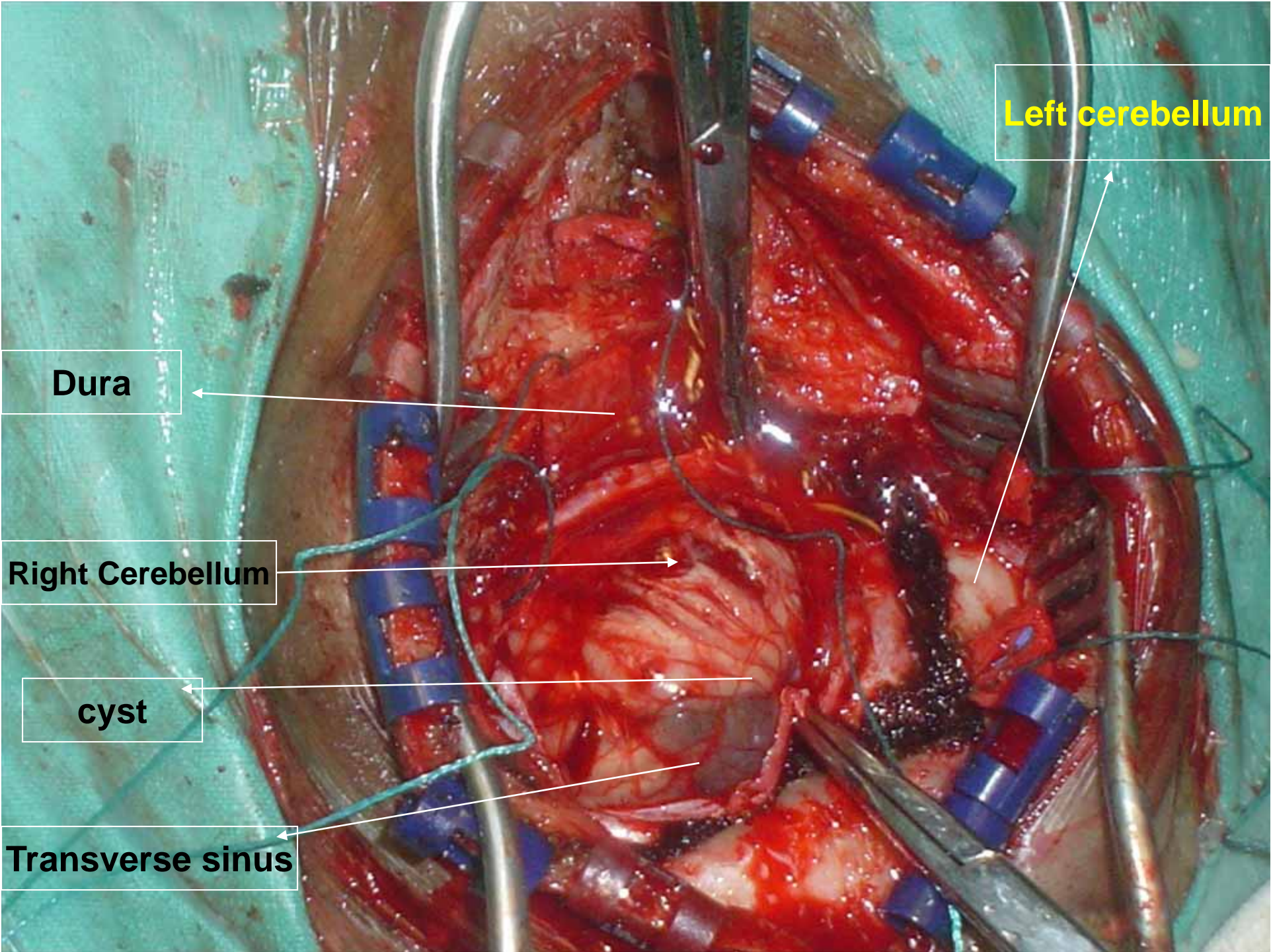






Cranio cervical junction

Transverse sinus



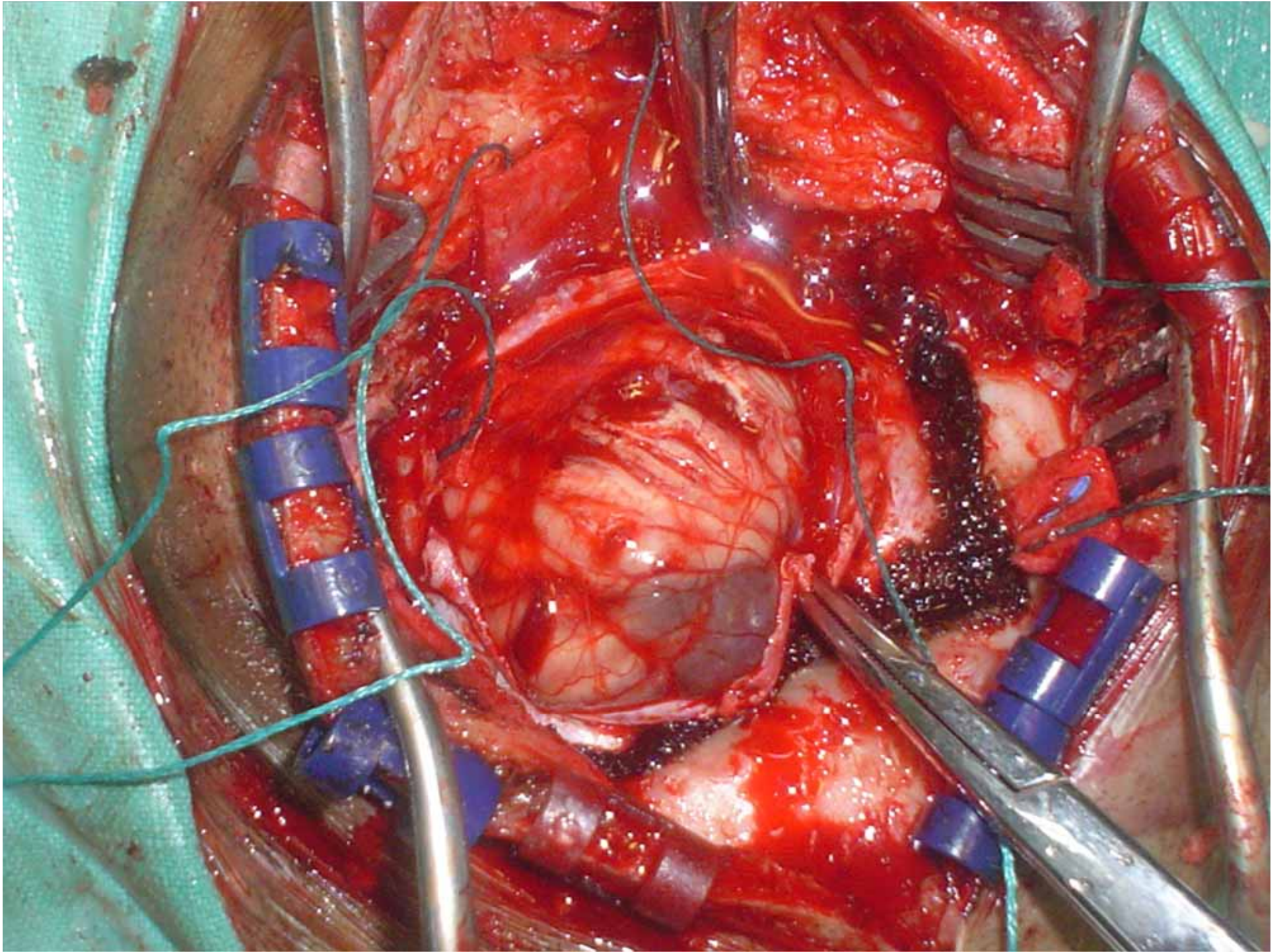
Dura

Left cerebellum

Right Cerebellum

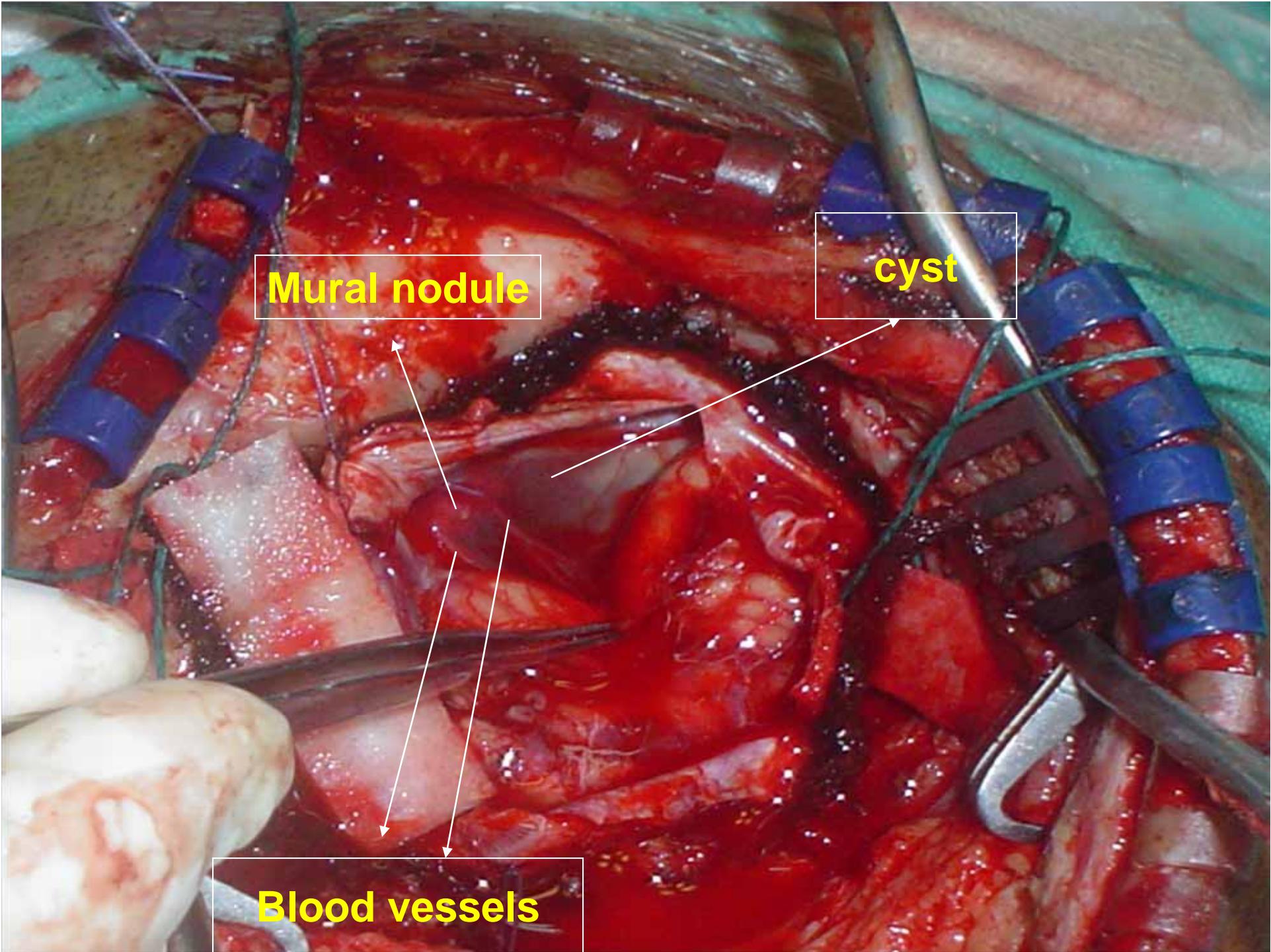
cyst

Transverse sinus



Micro -dissection

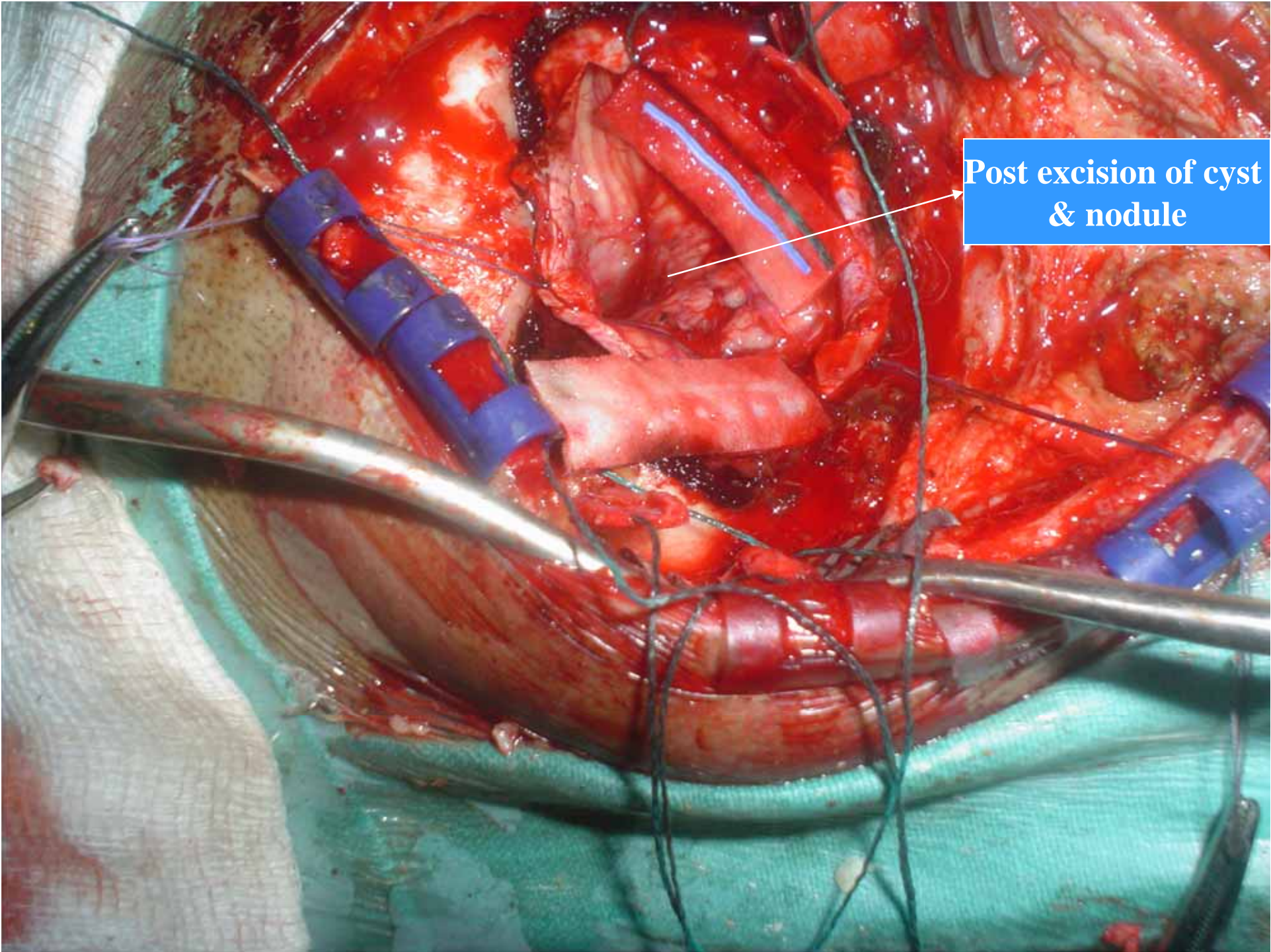




Mural nodule

cyst

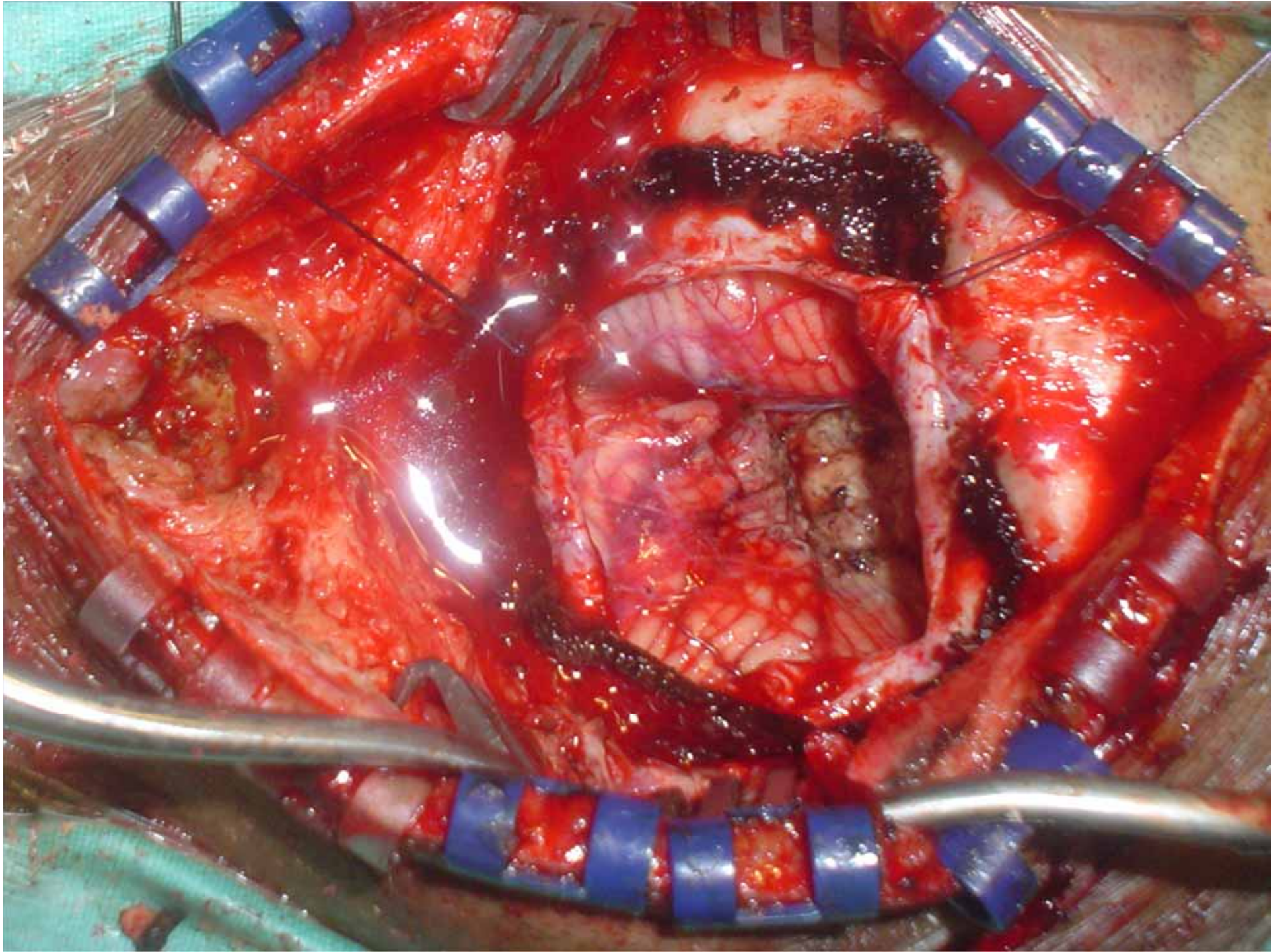
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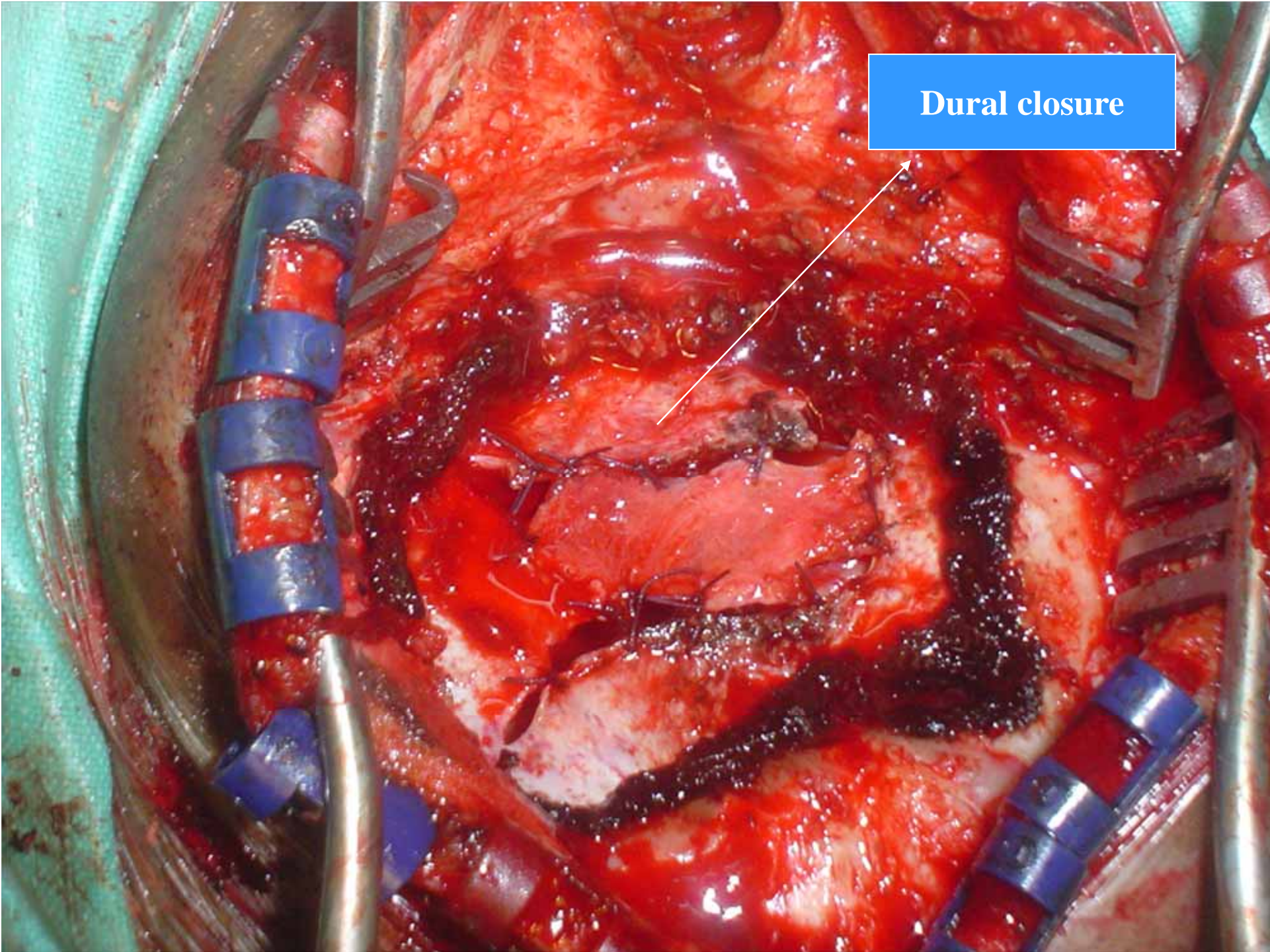


Post excision of cyst & nodule



Vascular mural nodule





Dural closure

FOLLOW UP

- ✓ after one week for stitch removal
- ✓ no headache
- ✓ Vision improved
- ✓ normal gait



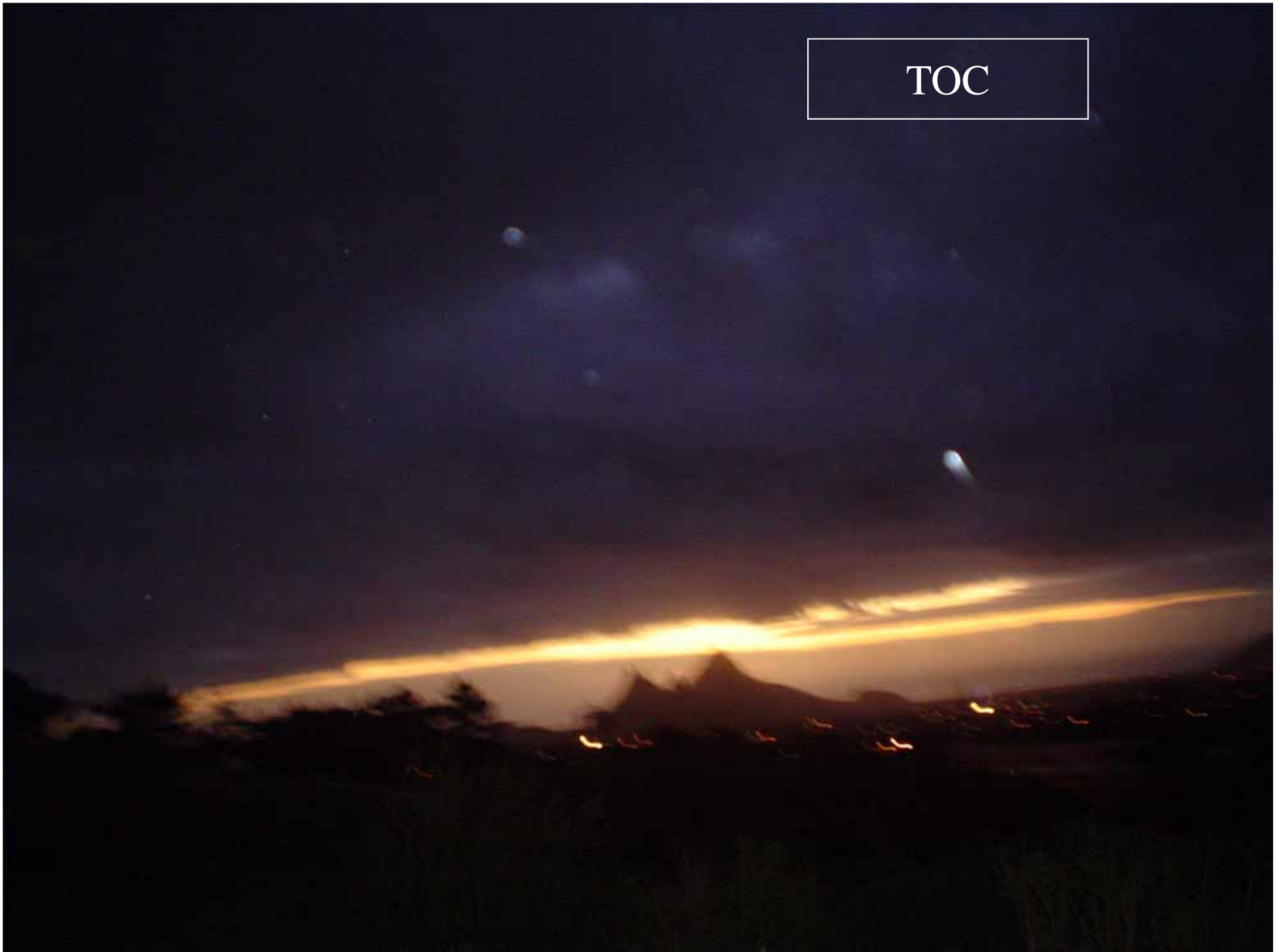
HISTOPATHOLOGY REPORT

CASE ONE

Posterior fossa benign haemangioblastoma



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CASE 2

- **D.G -45 YRS
MALE**
- **MAY 2012**
- **COMPLAINTS**
 - Unsteadiness of gait
 - Headache

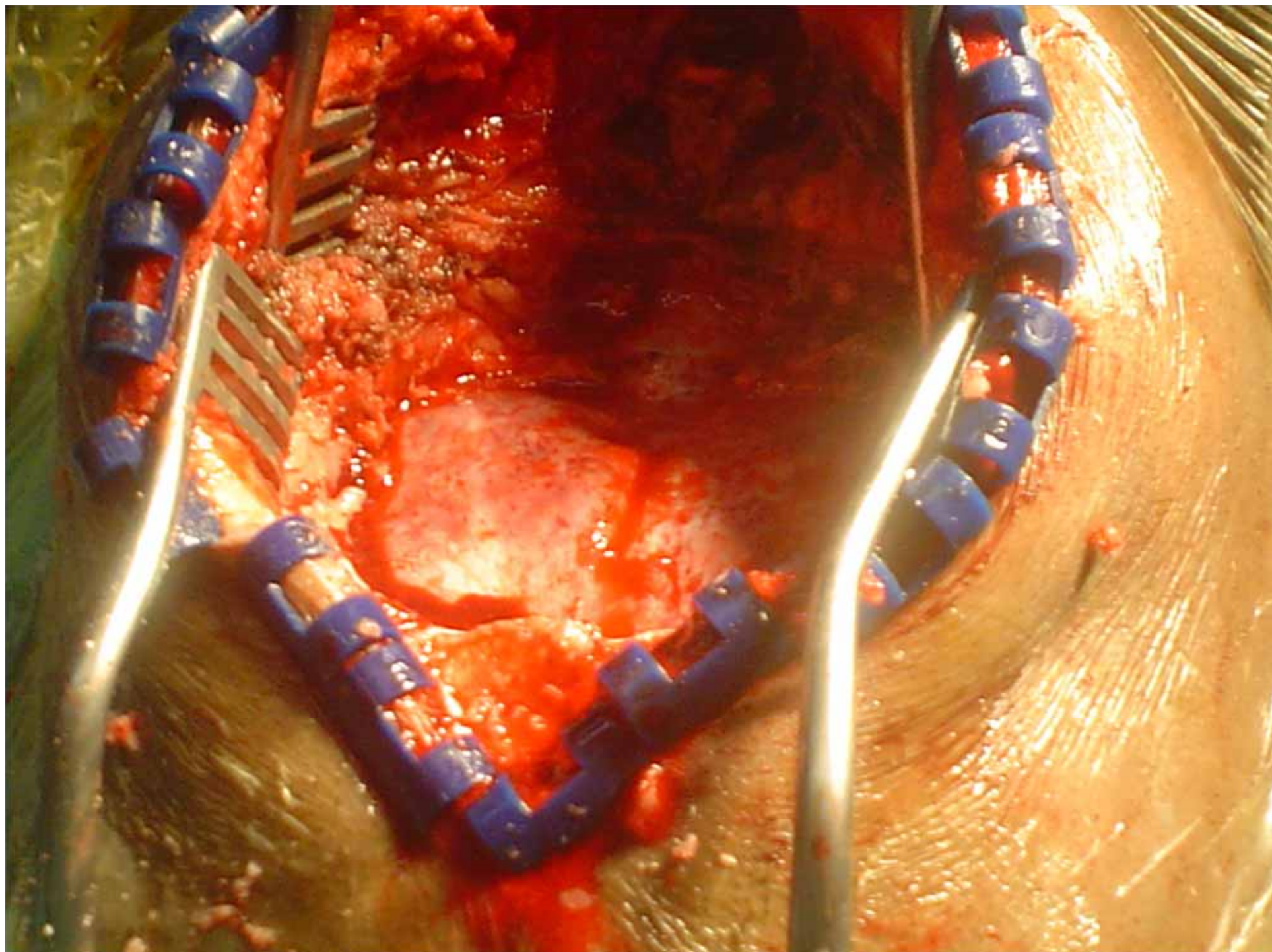


- G.C.S 15/15
- Cranial nerves normal
- Dysmetria
- Truncal ataxia
- Baseline investigation- normal
- Chest X-Ray -normal



- MRI BRAIN
- ULTRASOUND ABDOMEN + NECK
- CT ABDOMEN





Mural nodule

Solid tumour





Autum dry leaves
Oil on canvas. Size-
1994
73 x 107 cm

HISTOPATHOLOGY REPORT

CASE 2

- 1 Cerebellar metastasis of a Renal Cell carcinoma (clear cell)
- 2 Haemangioblastoma

VON HIPPEL LINDAU

- 1927 Arvid Lindau
- Connection between Retinal angiomas and hemangiomas of the cerebellum
- Rare autosomal dominant genetic condition in which haemangioblastomas are found in the cerebellum, spinal cord, kidney and retina
- Other associated pathologies include Retinal angioma, Renal Cell carcinoma and pheochromocytoma
- Mutation in the Von Hippel tumour suppressor gene on chromosome 3p25

- Cerebellar haemangioblastoma affect 48 % of the patient with VHL



GENETICS

- Inherited in an autosomal dominant Mendelian pattern with a frequency of approximately of 1 case per 36,000 newborn



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DIAGNOSIS

- Family history + a single cerebellar hemangioblastomas

OR

- one hemangioblastoma + 1 visceral tumour



RELATED CONDITIONS

- Renal cell carcinoma (25 %)
- Pheochromocytoma (10 %)
- Polycythemia (9-20 %)



HEMANGIOBLASTOMAS IN OTHER LOCATION

- Supratentorial hemangioblastomas
- Optic nerves
- Spinal cord
- Peripheral nerves
- Retina



PATHOLOGY

- Posterior cranial fossa around IV ventricle, cerebellar hemisphere, vermis, Medulla or pons
- Retinal hemangioblastoma 6 %
- No distant metastasis
- Well circumscribed but do not have a true capsule
- Solid part is a mural nodule

DIAGNOSTIC STUDIES

- MRI
- CT
- Angiography
- Ultrasonography



IMAGING

- Contrast enhanced MRI best methods for VHL to identify small nodules, cyst and solid components
- Use of gadolinium contrast agent mandatory, careful evaluation of other small enhancing nodules
- Preoperative angiography- feeding vessels and embolisation



FOUR TYPES

- Simple cyst form
- Macrocystic form
- Solid form
- Microcystic form



MICROSCOPIC FEATURES

Three groups of cell

- 1 endothelial cells
- 2 pericytes
- 3 stromal cells



- 40 % will develop Renal cell carcinoma (primary cause of death)
- Second most common cause of mortality is CNS haemangioblastoma
- Phaeochromocytoma
- Pancreatic cysts



PROGNOSIS

- Solitary cystic - 2 % mortality
- Solid-usually involve brain stem mortality - 15-20 %
- Deep mid line attachment to medulla -lethal
- Cerebellar hemangioblastomas + visceral tumours +Renal cell = poor prognosis
- After total excision - 3- 10 % recurrence rate



GENETIC TESTING FOR VHL DISEASE

- Complete sequencing of the coding regions
- Southern blot analysis
- Fluorescent in situ hybridisation (FISH)-70 % sensitivity



FOLLOW UP

- VHL = lifetime disease
- Constantly check for tumours and cyst
- Future= molecular targeting antiangiogenic drug
- Genetic counsellors (improve psychological condition)



CAMBRIDGE PROTOCOL FOR SCREENING PATIENT FOR VHL

- Annual physical examination and urine test
- Annual direct or indirect ophthalmoscopy
- Annual angiography
- Annual renal ultrasound exam
- MRI or CT brain every 3 years to age 50 and 5 yrs thereafter
- Abdominal CT scanning every 3 years
- Annual 24 hr urine collection for Vanillylmandelic (VMA) levels





Sunset
oil colour
1999
30 x 50 cm

CASE 2



CASE PRESENTATION

NAME OF PATIENT : R. P

AGE : 41

SEX : Male



PAST HISTORY

- **Past medical History** : HBP since 5 years
- **Past surgical History** : Nil
- **Allergic History** : Nil
- **Social History** : Nil

CHIEF COMPLAINTS

- Headache since 5 months

no other complaints.



ON EXAMINATION

- **General physical examination**
 - Unremarkable
- **Systemic examination**
 - Normal
- **Neurological examination**
 - Unremarkable
- **Local examination of the head**
 - Mild tenderness over left temporal

region



INVESTIGATIONS

- **BASELINE investigations**
 - within normal limit
- **SPECIFIC investigations:**
 - 1) **HIV test** : Negative
 - 2) **MRI BRAIN** : the main abnormality is multiple bony lesions affecting the skull vault?
Metastatic disease? Lymphoma? Myeloma?
Other types.
 - 3) **CT-SCAN abdomen thorax pelvis** : normal



PROVISIONAL DIAGNOSIS

- LYMPHOMA
- MULTIPLE MYELOMA
- TUBERCULOMA
- TOXOPLASMOSIS
- MULTIPLE METASTASIS

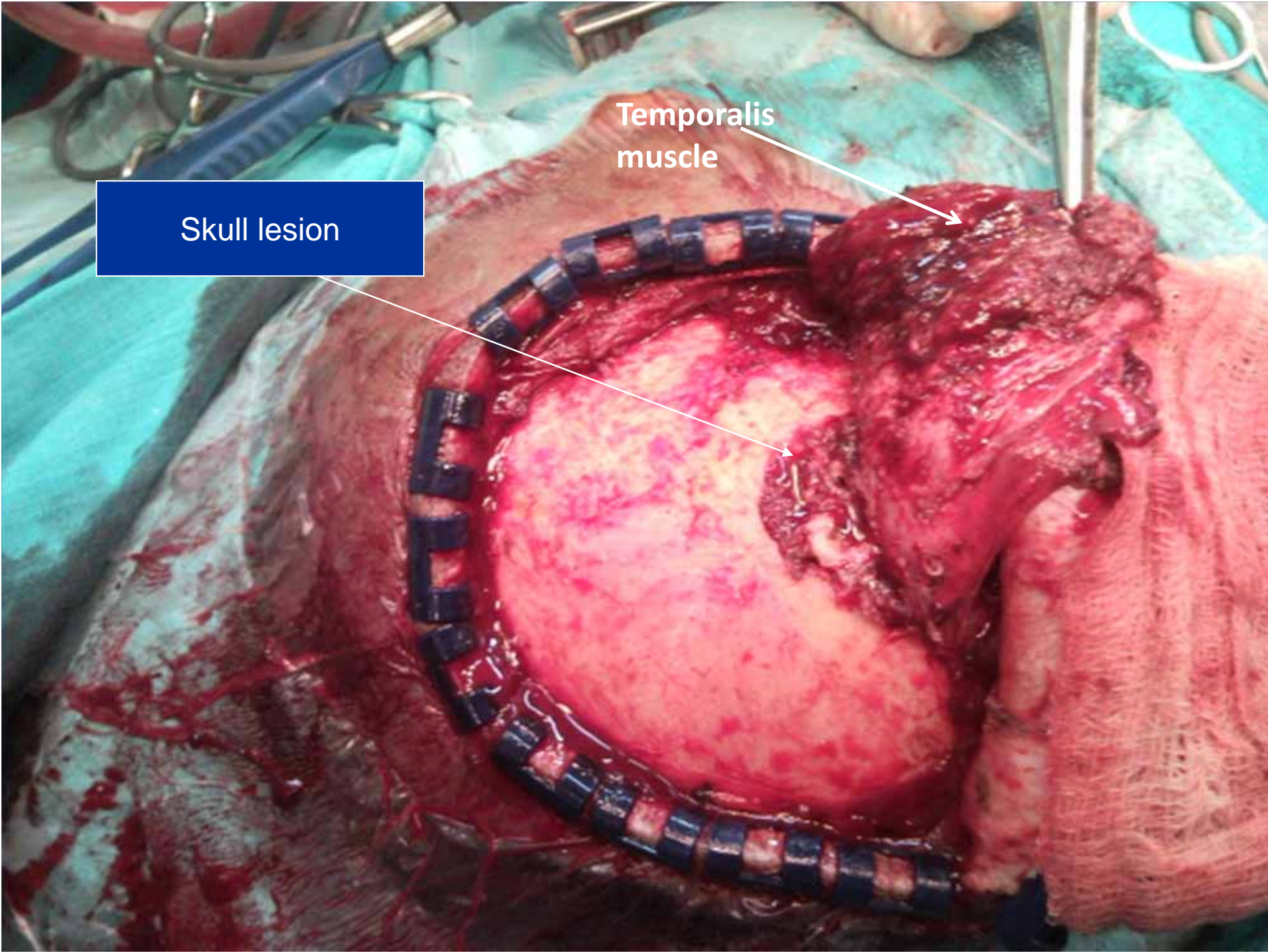
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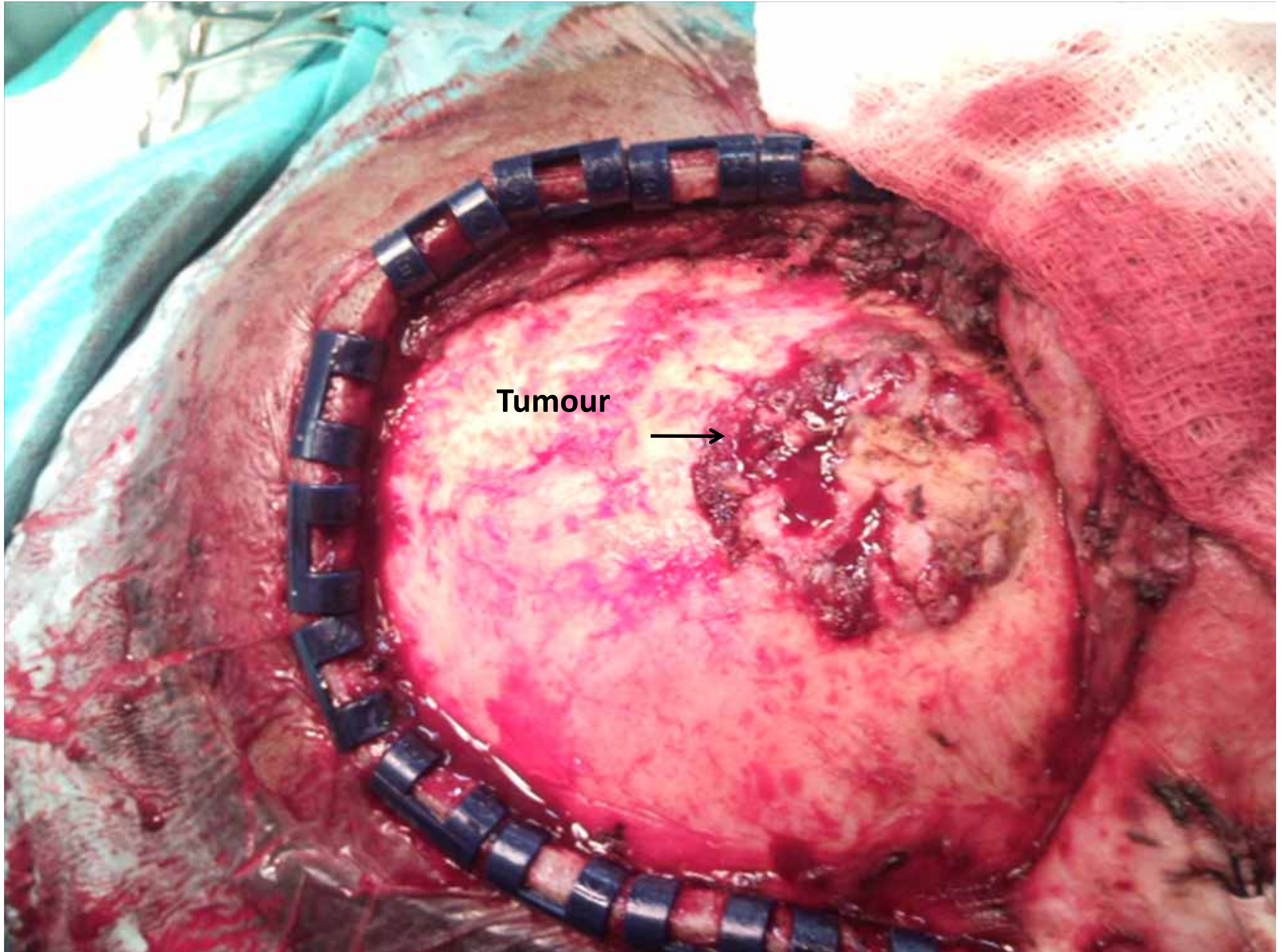
**Left frontal craniotomy under
general anaesthesia with excision
of skull lesion**



Temporalis muscle

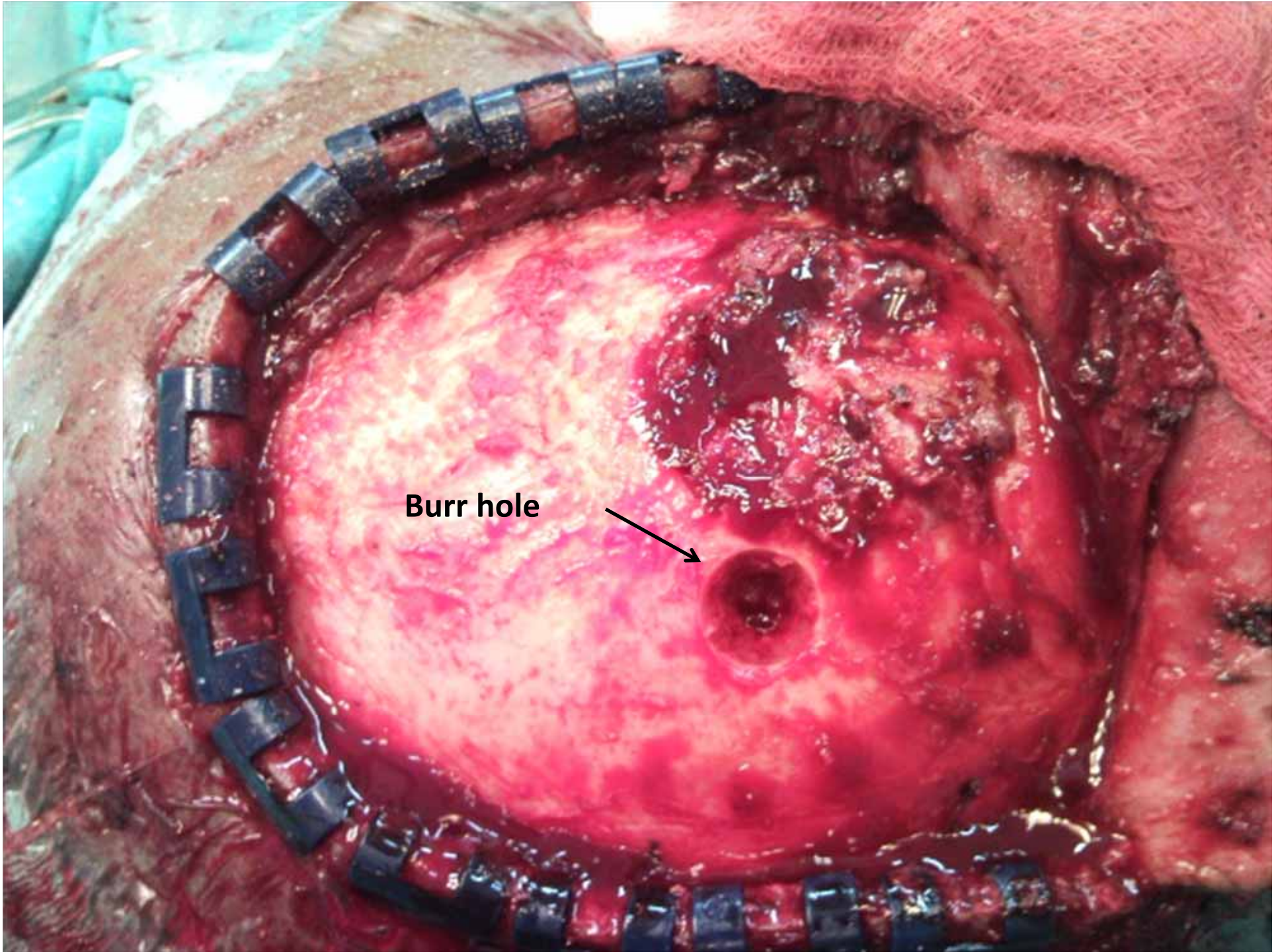
Skull lesion





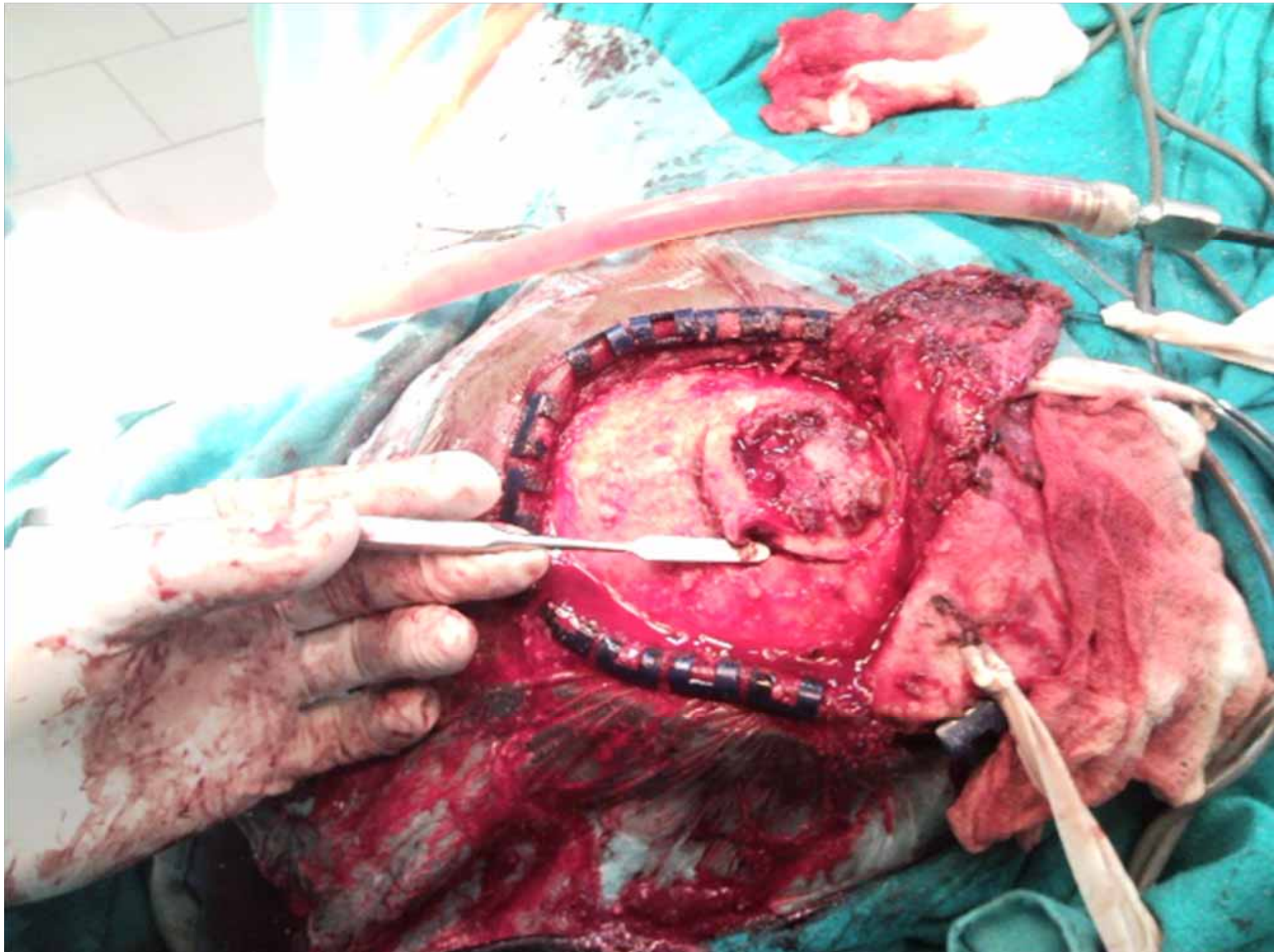
Tumour

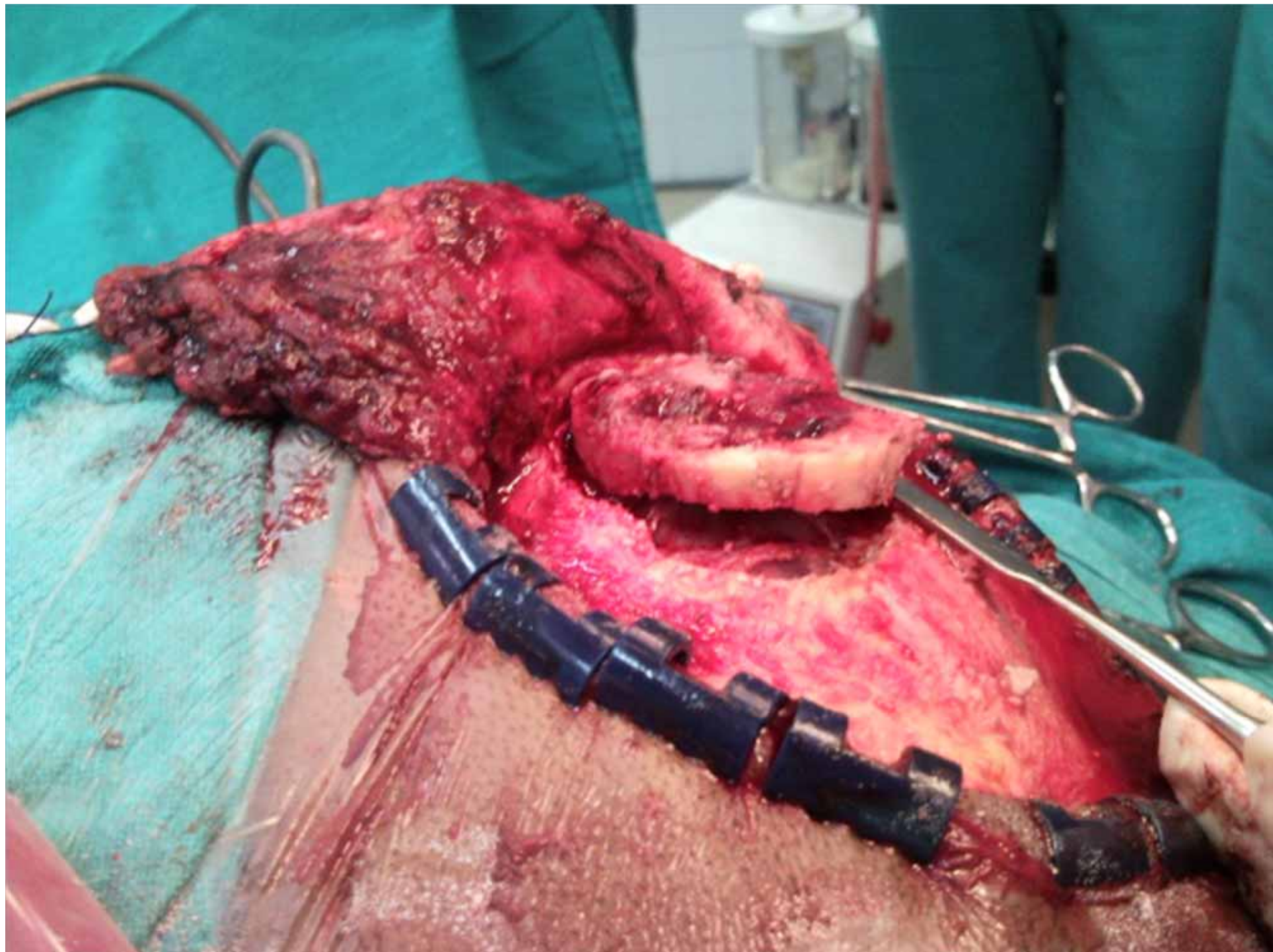


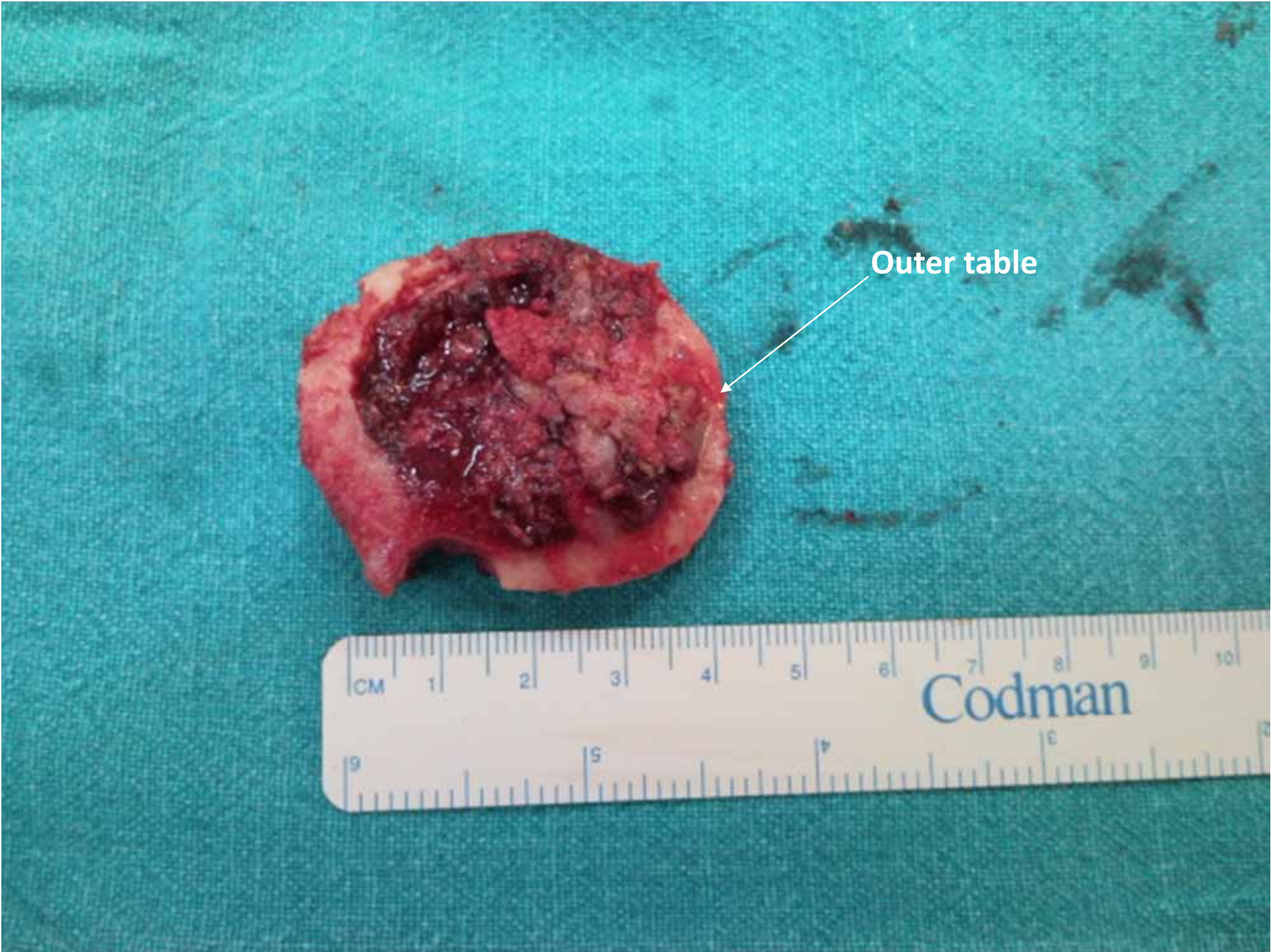


Burr hole

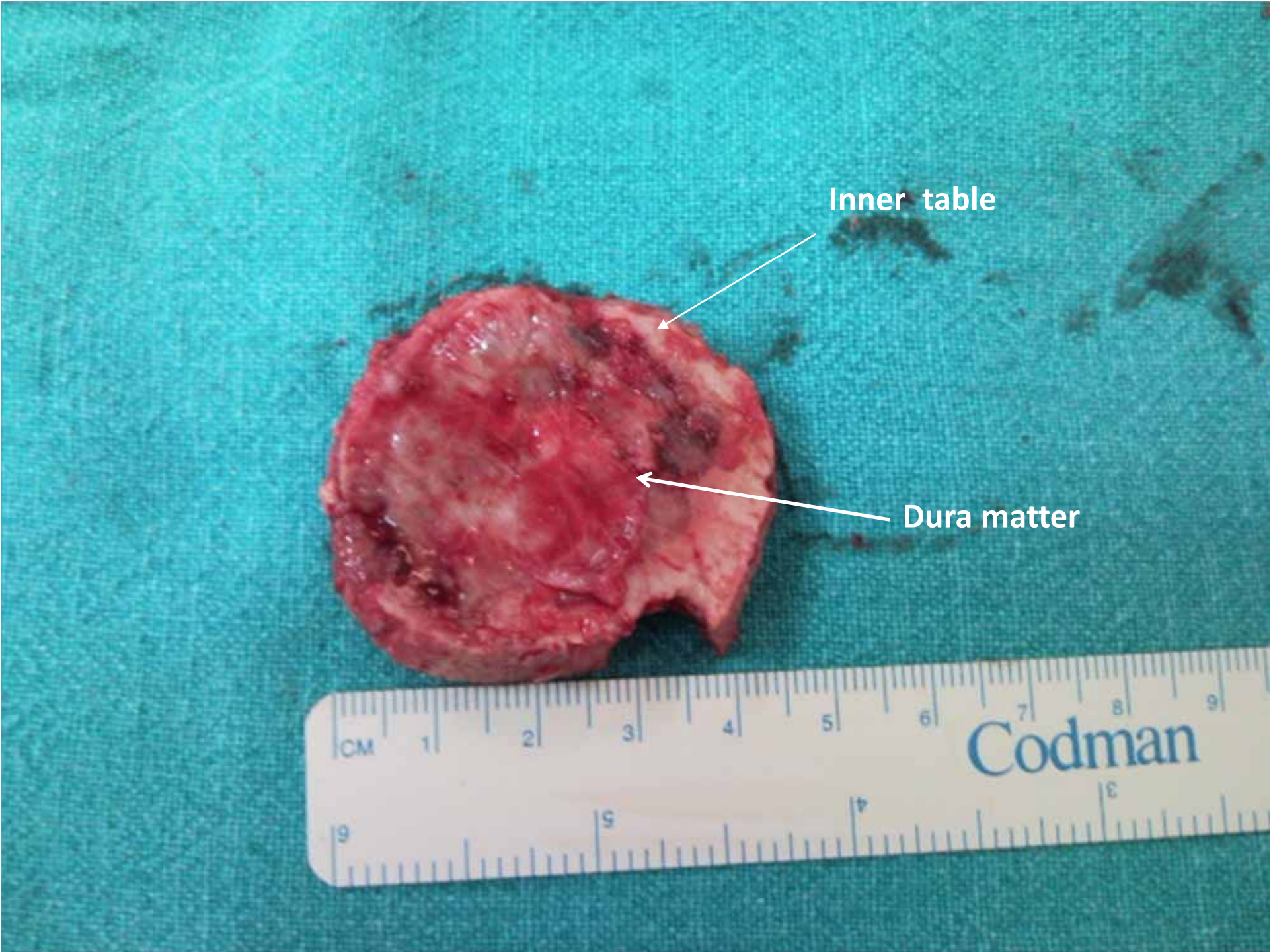








Outer table



Inner table

Dura matter

CM

1

2

3

4

5

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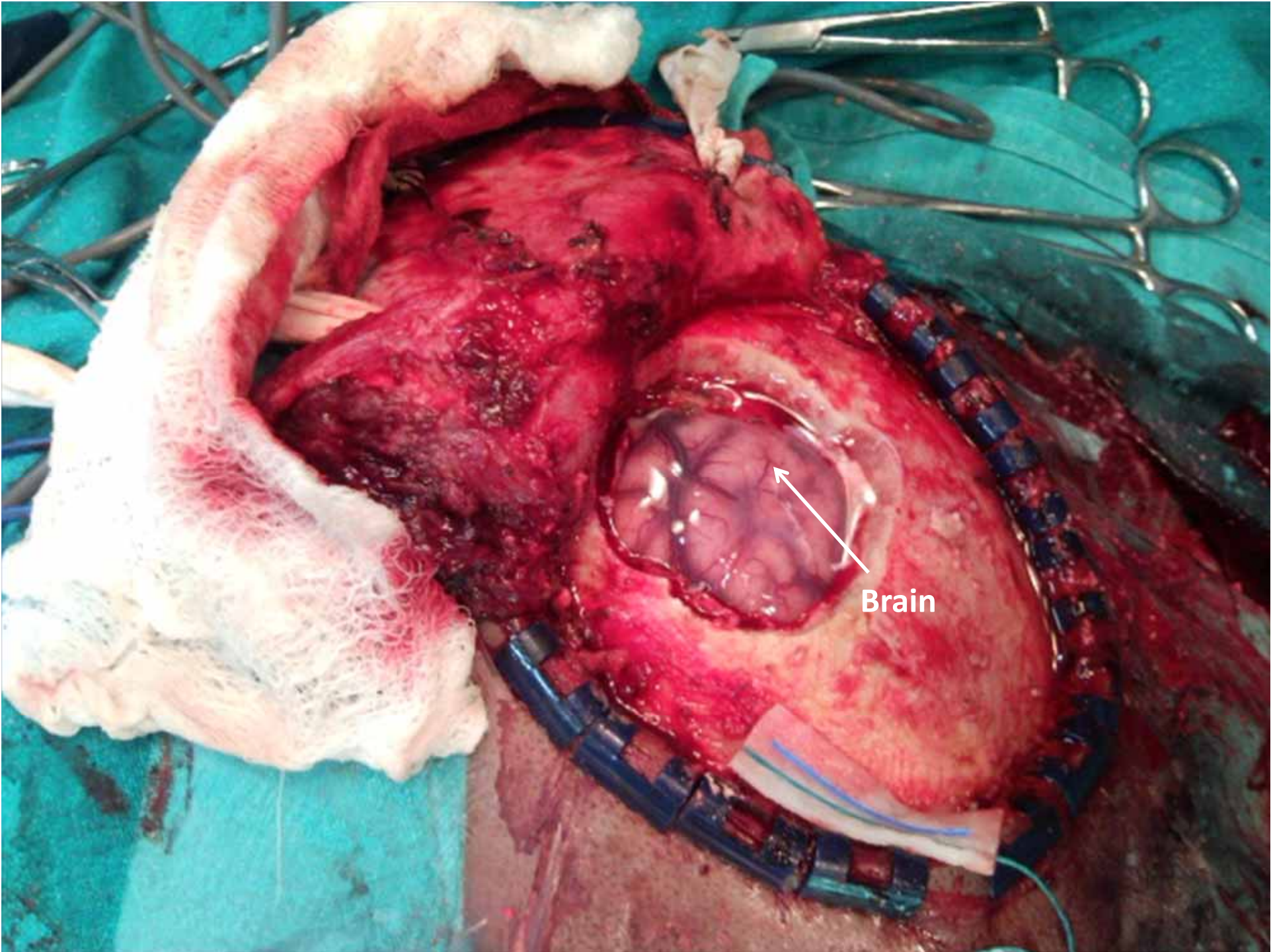
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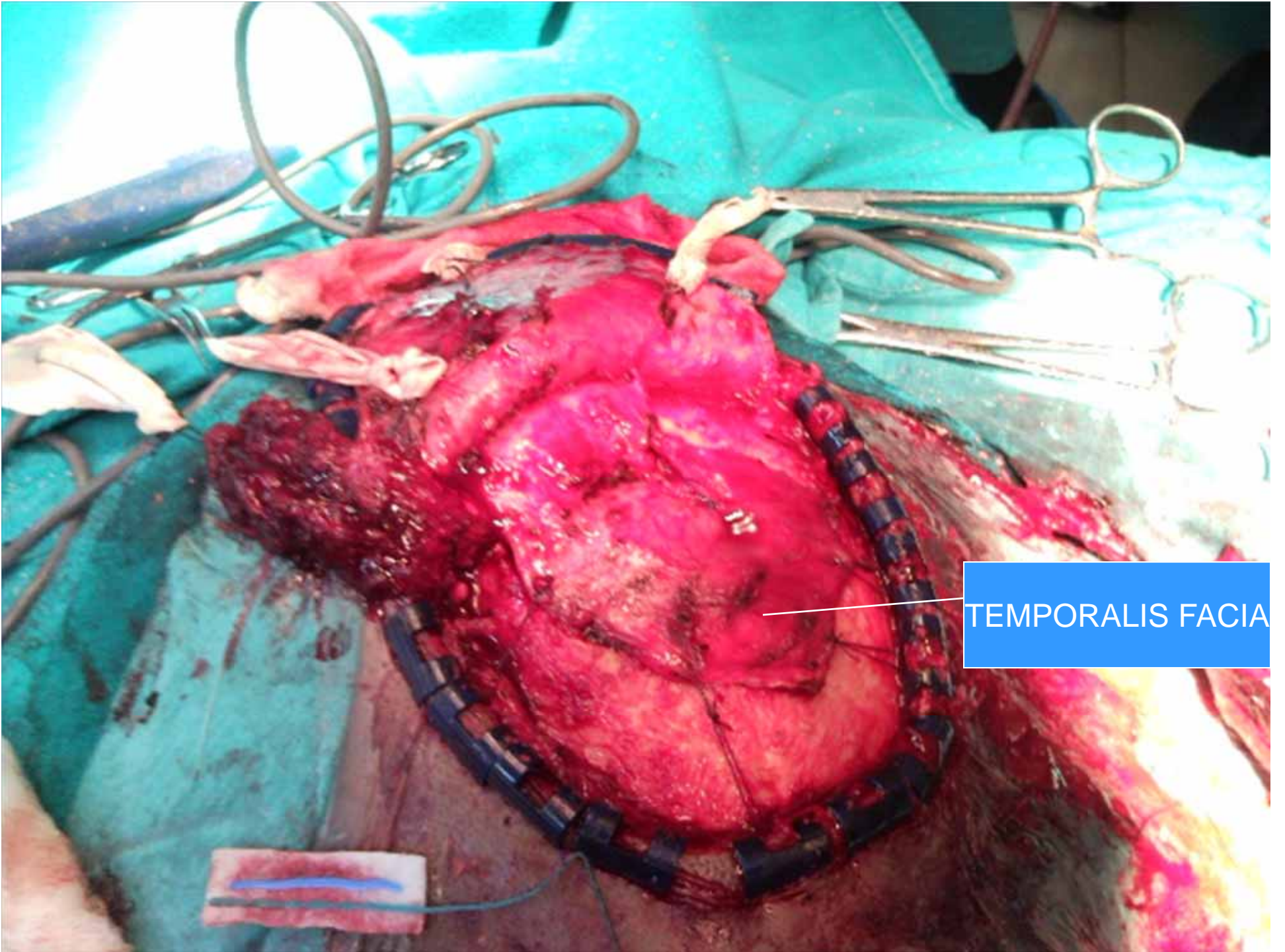
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Brain



TEMPORALIS FACIA

Definition

Langerhans cell Histiocytosis (Histiocytosis X)

-a term that encompasses a spectrum of clinical conditions, ranging from a single, sometimes self limiting osteolytic bone lesion to a fulminant, disseminated process that may be fatal



Common feature

- A clonal proliferation of a histiocytic cell types known as the LANGERHANS CELL



Clinical entities

1. Hand Schuller- Christian disease

- Calvarial defects
- Exophthalmos
- Diabetes Insipidus

2. Letterer-Siwe disease

3. Eosinophilic granuloma

-acutely progressive course, fever, Pancytopenia, hepatomegaly, diffuse pulmonary, infiltrates and a cutaneous eruption



Prognosis

1. Single bone-(monostotic granuloma)

→ excellent Prognosis

2. More than one site but lesions limited to bone- polyostotic **eosinophilic**

→ good

3. Multifocal + extra skeletal

Disseminated langerhans cell histiocytosis

Clinical Presentations

- ❑ Monostotic eosinophilic granuloma
- ❑ Local tenderness or a small mass lesion in a child
- ❑ Pathological Fracture
- ❑ Incidental findings



Polyostotic eosinophilic

- Pain, mass lesions over scalp
- Local effects at base of skull
- Diabetes Insipidus
- Proptosis
- Recurrent otitis media
- Pituitary hypothalamus dysfunction
- Ammenohorrea
- Growth retardation



Disseminated Langerhans Cell histiocytosis

- Fever, hepatosplenomegaly ,
Anemia, leukopenia,
thrombocytopenia,
Purpura , lymphadenopathy ,
Skin macules and papules with
osteolytic bone lesions



Radiological Features

Skull

- Osteolytic lesion without a sclerotic rim
- Complete absence of bony trabeculae
- Chest XRay
 - Reticulo nodular pattern
 - Honeycomb appearance
- CT
 - Low density lesion



Management

- Biopsy
- Observations
- Systemic multiagent chemotherapy
- Radiation
- Inteferon
- Cyclosporin
- Bone marrow transplantation

Thank you

