



Image of the month

Tracheal Stab Wound With Entrance and Exit Orifices[☆]



Herida traqueal por arma blanca con orificio de entrada y salida

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Fig. 1



Fig. 2

The patient is a 48-year-old man who had been stabbed in the neck in the left lateral region, resulting in blood loss and air leakage. Chest X-ray showed right pneumothorax; a pleural drain tube was inserted and a significant amount of air was evacuated. Tomography showed a lack of lung expansion, as well as an interruption in the middle third of the trachea at the right cartilage-membrane junction (Fig. 1). Cervicotomy confirmed the trajectory of the wound from the left cervical region to the right cartilage-membrane junction. The J-shaped wound at the 5th-6th tracheal rings was sutured (Fig. 2), and thoracotomy was conducted to suture the 4-cm laceration in the middle third of the right trachea as well as a lung tear in the lobe of the azygos vein.

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