

Surgical Anatomy of the Lung & VATS anatomical resections

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Objective

To understand and master:

- Basic Surgical Anatomy of the Lung
- Lymph Node Map
- Procedural steps in the resection of:
 - All 5 lobes
 - Most common segmentectomies
- Common issues leading to major complications
- ERP 'Enhanced Recovery Program'

Literature

Surgical Technique

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Video-assisted thoracic surgery tunnel technique: an alternative fissureless approach for anatomical lung resections

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Abstract: We describe an alternative video-assisted thoracic surgery (VATS) fissureless pulmonary lobectomy technique. This involves opening the fissure completely and with staplers as an early stage of the procedure by making a tunnel between the bronchovascular structures and the lung parenchyma. To minimize air leak after anatomical lung resections, many surgeons use a "fissureless" VATS technique, using staplers to divide the hilar bronchovascular structures first and the main part of the parenchyma in the fissure last. Others try to find the artery by dissecting the parenchyma in the fissure. The advantage of the latter is clearance of N1 nodes and anatomical overview prior to division of bronchovascular structures. But, airleak can be induced when touching the parenchyma. The proposed alternative procedure tries to combine the advantages of both common techniques, i.e., reduce risk of airleak and obtain a good anatomical overview and N1 nodal clearance prior to division of the bronchovascular structures. To open the incomplete fissure first, with staplers, a tunnel dissection is sternal anterior between the triangle of pulmonary veins and the parenchyma. After identification of the pulmonary artery (PA), the avial of a first stapler is placed on top of the artery and the anterior part of the fissure is divided. Dissection between artery and parenchyma is continued until the fissure is completely stapled. By making a tunnel between the bronchovascular structures and parenchyma from anteriorly to posteriorly, one can open the fissure completely with staplers at an early stage of an anatomical lung resection. This combines the advantages of both the "fissureless" hilum first technique and classic (open) fissure first dissection, i.e., minimal air leak and optimal anatomical overview before bronchovascular structures are divided, potentially avoiding inadvertent transections.

Keywords: Video-assisted thoracic surgery (VATS); lobectomy; fissure; fissureless; air leak; stapler

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Introduction

During lung surgery, surgeons use mechanical staplers to divide the fissural parenchyma between different lobes to minimize the chance of postoperative prolonged airleak. Many video-assisted thoracic surgery (VATS) surgeons use a "hilum first, fissure last technique". The hilar bronchovascular structures are divided first and during the last step of the lobectomy the lobe is lifted and the fissural parenchyma is divided. Thanks to these fissureless techniques, incomplete or fused fissures are no longer contraindications for VATS anatomical resections (1,2).

Some VATS surgeons and many robotic surgeons continue to reveal the artery by dissecting into the fissural parenchyma. This technique, similar to open surgery, allows

surgeons to remove N1 nodes on the artery and bronchus first, and to look for anatomical variations before starting to divide the bronchovascular structures. But, dissecting into the incomplete fissure can cause prolonged airleak.

The objective of this paper is to present an alternative fissureless technique, combining the advantages of the techniques described above.

Methods

Technique

General principles

The objective of the presented technique is to open

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Major intraoperative complications during video-assisted thoracoscopic anatomical lung resections: an intention-to-treat analysis¹

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Abstract

OBJECTIVES: A multicentre evaluation of the frequency and nature of major intraoperative complications during video-assisted thoracoscopic (VATS) anatomical resections.

METHODS: Six European centres submitted their series of consecutive anatomical lung resections with the intention to treat by VATS. Conversions to thoracotomy, vascular injuries and major intraoperative complications were studied in relation to surgeons' experience. Major complications included immediate life-threatening complications (i.e. blood loss of more than 2 l), injury to proximal airway or other organs or those leading to unplanned additional anatomical resections. All cases were discussed by a panel and recommendations were drafted.

RESULTS: A total of 3076 patients were registered. Most resections (90%, n = 2765) were performed for bronchial carcinoma. There were 33 intraoperative deaths, including 1 after conversion for technical reasons. In-hospital mortality was 1.6% (n = 43). Conversion to open thoracotomy was observed in 5.5% (n = 173), of whom 21.8% (n = 37) were for oncological reasons, 29.4% (n = 50) for technical reasons and 48.8% (n = 83) for conversion. Vascular injuries were reported in 2.9% (n = 88) patients and led to conversion in 2.2% (n = 70). In 1.5% (n = 46), major intraoperative complications were identified. These consisted of erroneous transection of bronchovascular structures (n = 9), injuries to gastrointestinal organs (n = 3) or proximal airway (n = 6), complications requiring additional unplanned major surgery (n = 3) or immediate life-threatening complications (n = 17). Twenty-three percent of the in-hospital mortalities (n = 10/43) were related to major intraoperative complications. Eight pneumothoraces (five intraoperative and three postoperative at 0.3%) were a consequence of a major complication. Surgeons' experience was related to non-oncological conversions, but not to vascular injuries or major complications in a multivariable logistic regression analysis.

CONCLUSION: Major intraoperative complications during VATS anatomical lung resections are infrequent, seem not to be related to surgical experience but have an important impact on patient outcome. Constant awareness and a structured plan of action are of paramount importance to prevent them.

Keywords: VATS; Lobectomy; Complication; Conversion; Experience; Lung cancer

INTRODUCTION

Minimally invasive surgery for anatomical lung resections is universally utilised among European Thoracic Services. It is only in

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dedicated centres that the majority of lobectomies are performed by video-assisted thoracoscopic surgery (VATS) [1]. These comprised ~25% of the voluntary European Society of Thoracic Surgeons (ESTS) database in 2013, but a clear rise in the use of VATS has been observed over recent years [2]. A further increase is to be expected as analysis of large databases shows lower postoperative

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GUIDELINES

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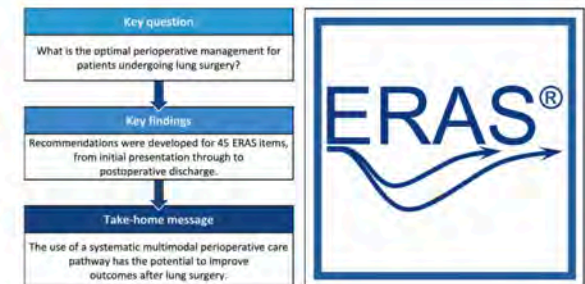
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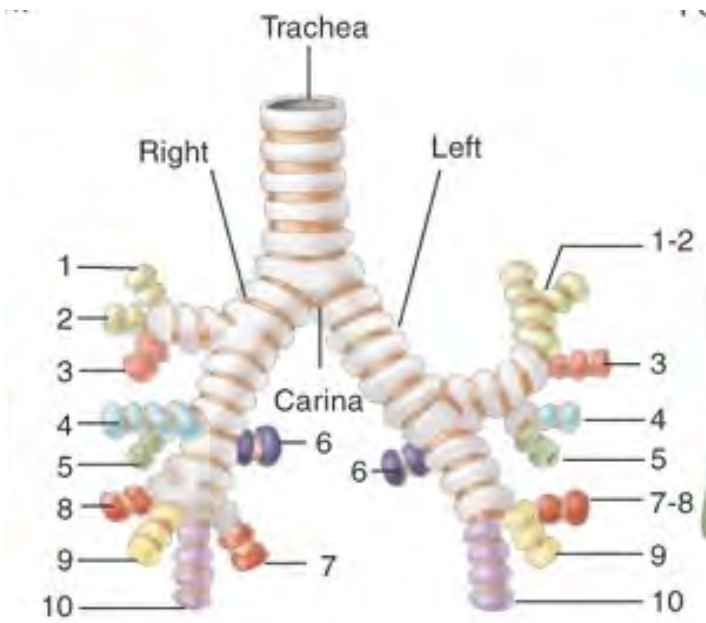
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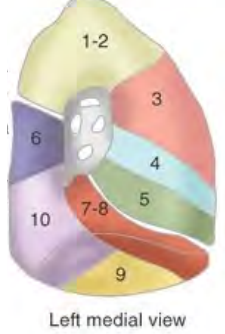
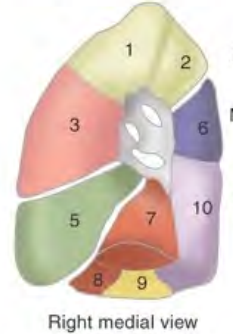
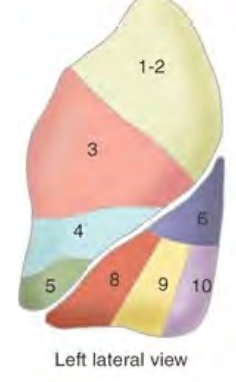
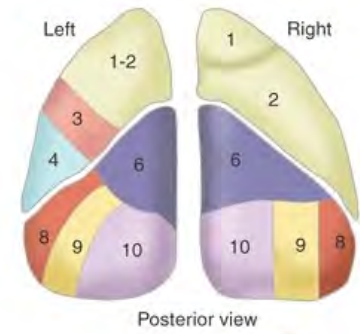
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Basic Surgical Anatomy of the Lung

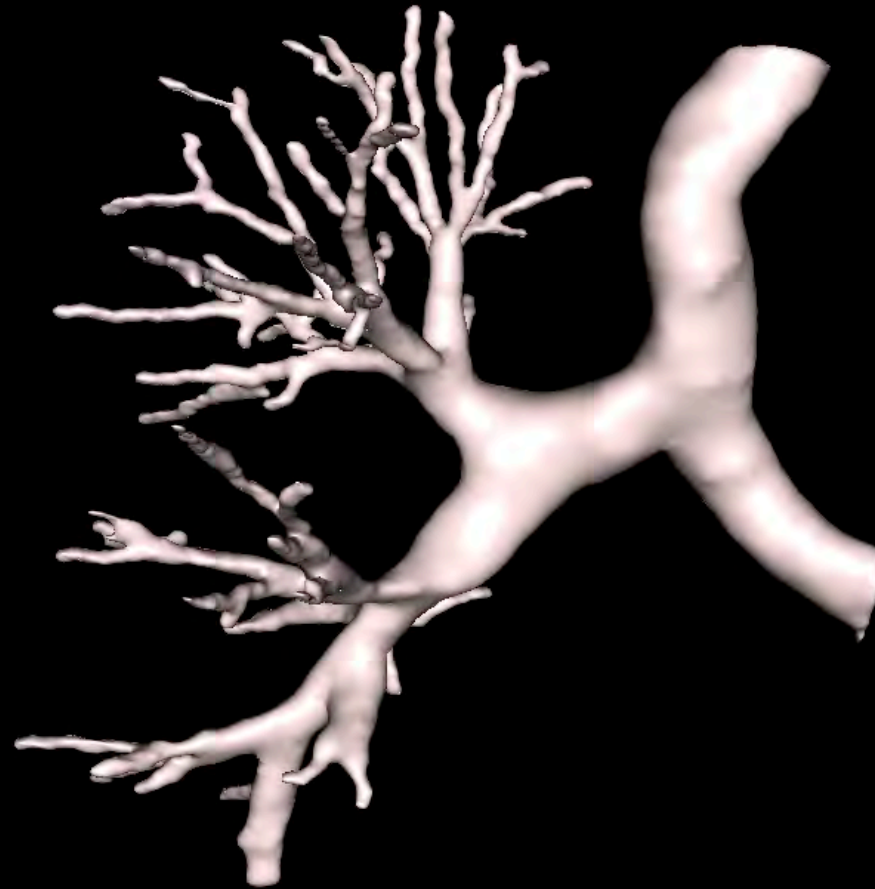


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| | 2. Posterior | 3. Anterior | |
| | 3. Anterior | | |
| Middle lobe | 4. Lateral | 4. Superior | Lingula |
| | 5. Medial | 5. Inferior | |
| | 6. Superior | 6. Superior | |
| Lower lobe | 7. Med. basal | 7-8. Ant. basal | Lower lobe |
| | 8. Lat. basal | 9. Lat. basal | |
| | 9. Lat. basal | 10. Post. basal | |
| | 10. Post. basal | | |



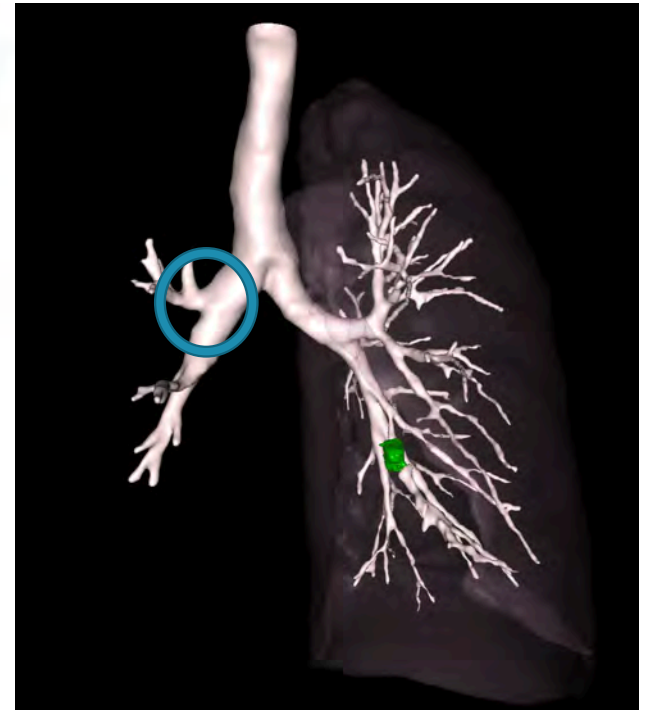
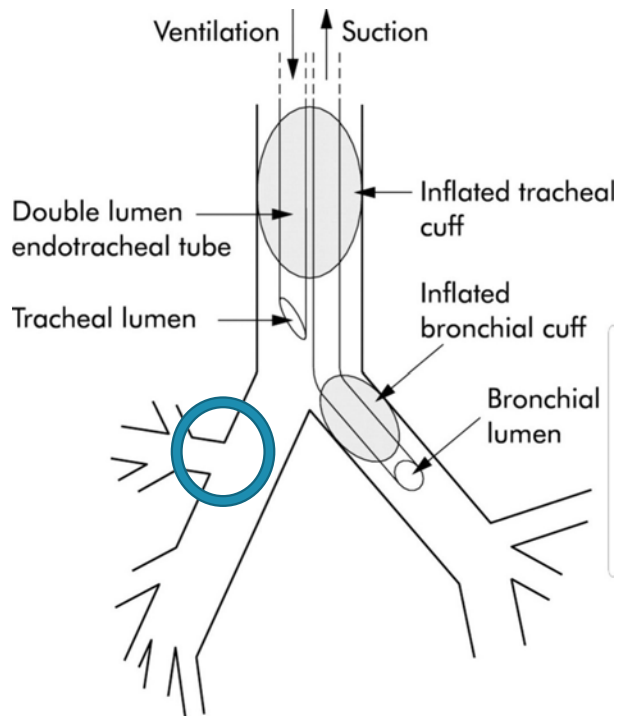
	Right					Left				
Nr	Segments	Right	Bronchus		Artery	Segments	Bronchus		Artery	
1	apical	Upper Lobe	Upper Lobe Bronchus	B1	A1	apicoposterior (1+2)	Culmen	B1+2	A1	
2	posterior			B2	A2 Posterior Ascending				A2	
3	anterior			B3	A3				A3	
4	medial	Middle Lobe	Middle Lobe Bronchus	One or two Middle lobe arteries	superior	Lingula	Lingular Bronchus	Lingula Artery		
5	lateral				inferior					
6	apical	Lower Lobe	Lower Lobe Bronchus	B6	A6	apical	Lower Lobe	B6	A6	
7	medial basal			Basal Segments	Basal Segments	Basal Segments		antero medial basal (8)	Basal Segments	Basal Segments
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9	lateral basal							posterior basal		
10	posterior basal									

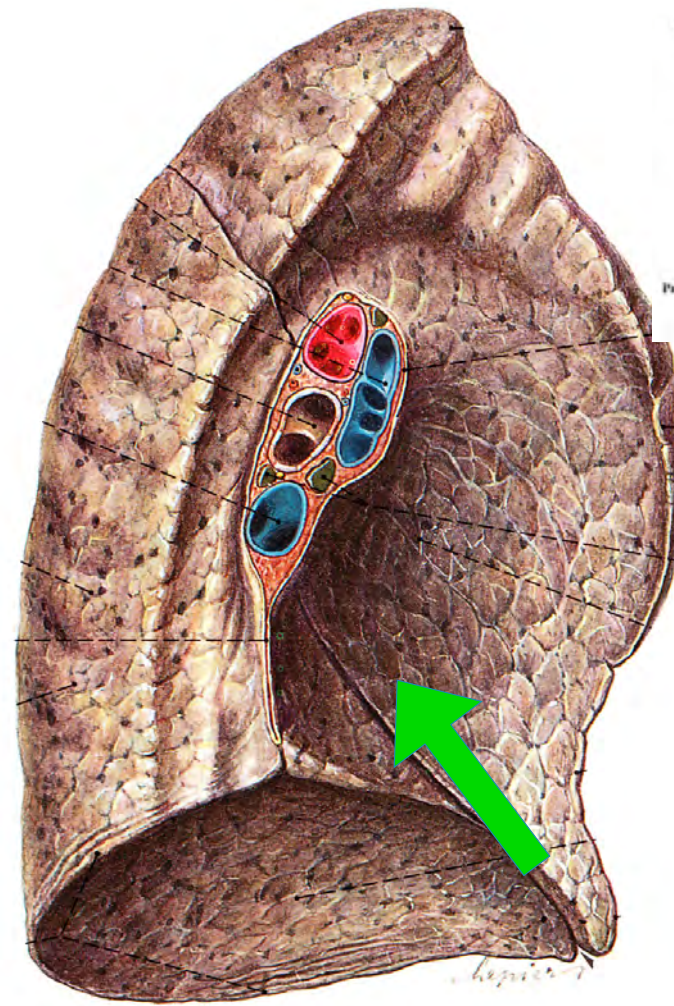
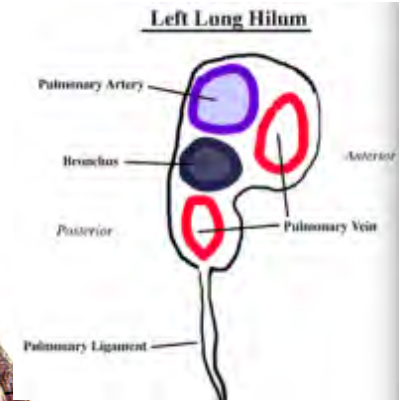
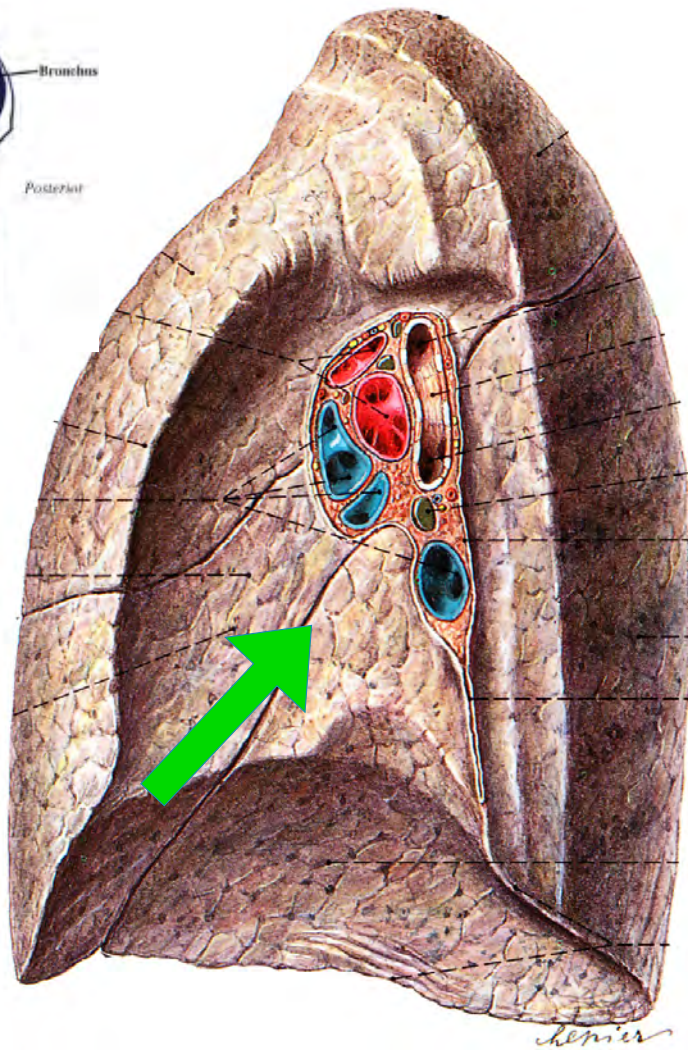
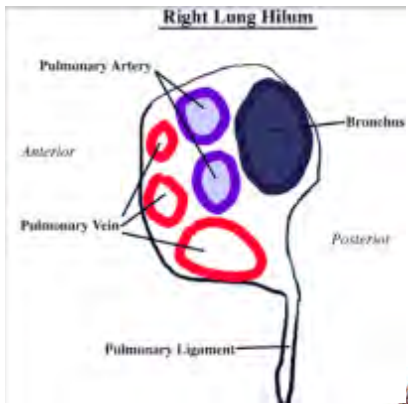
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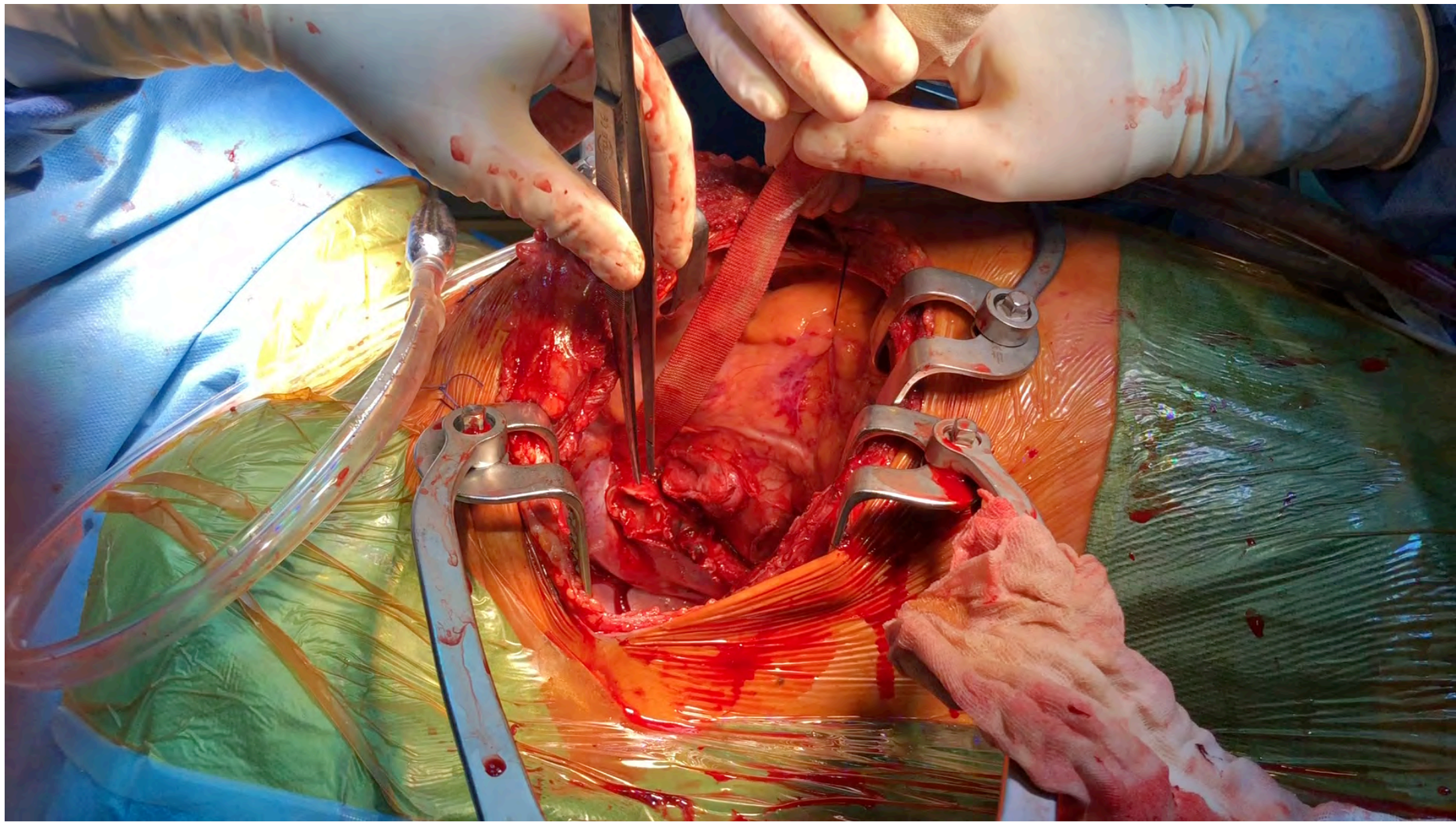




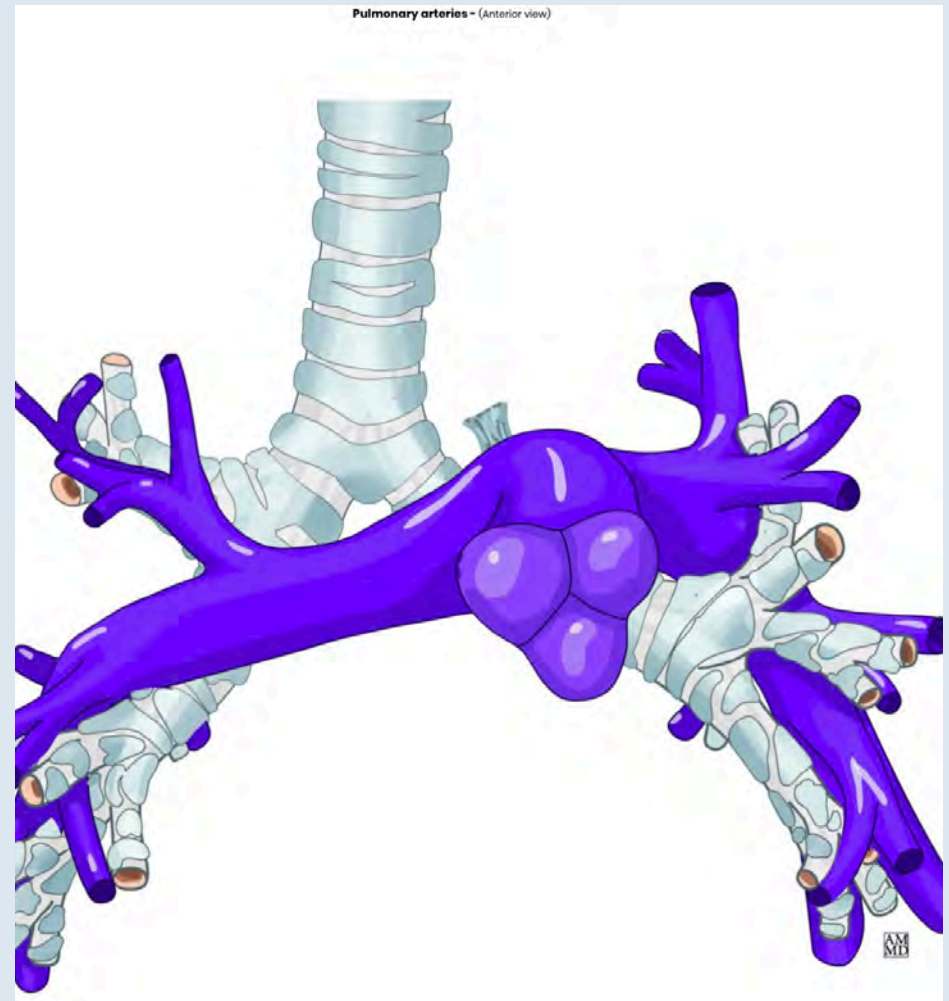


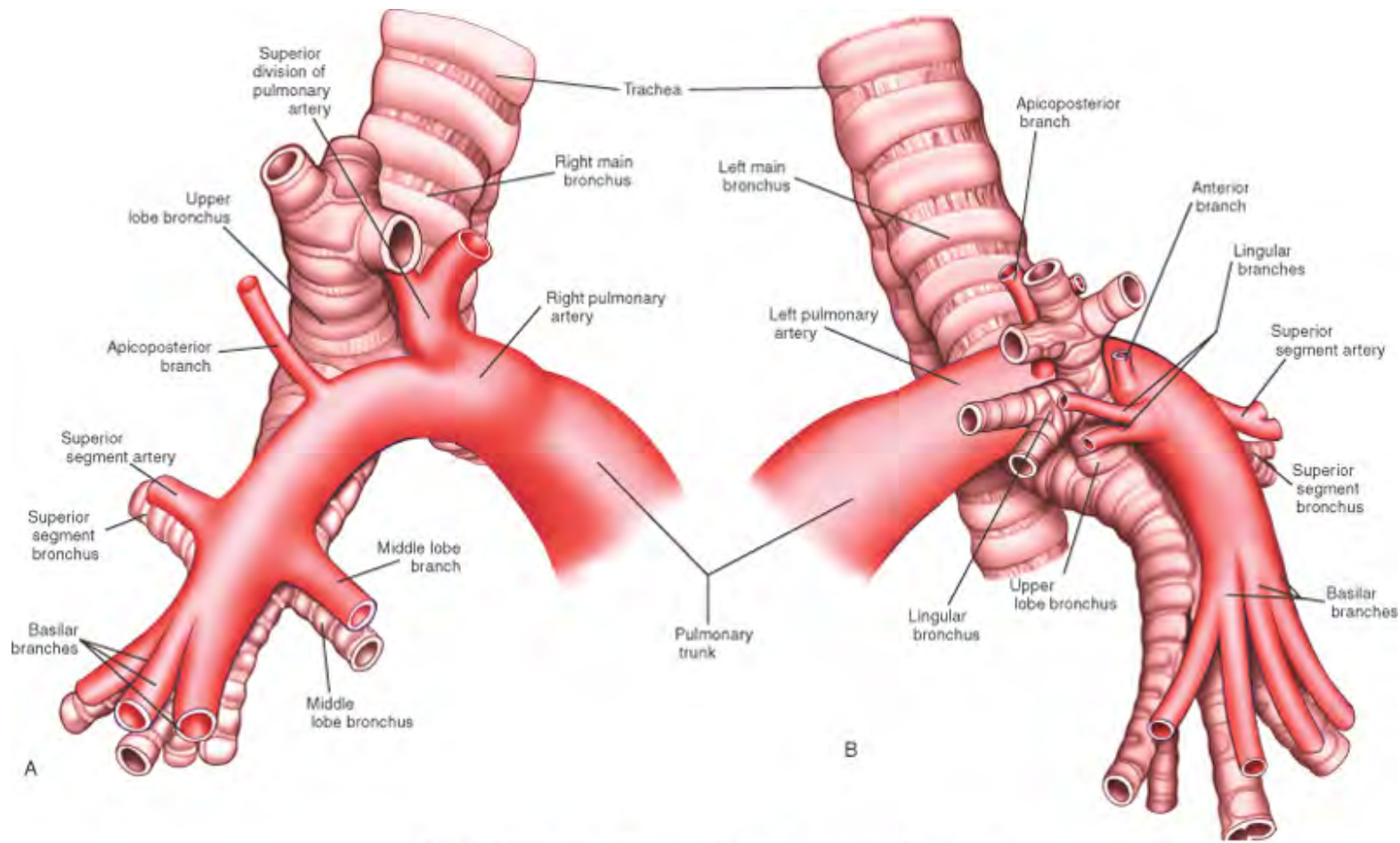


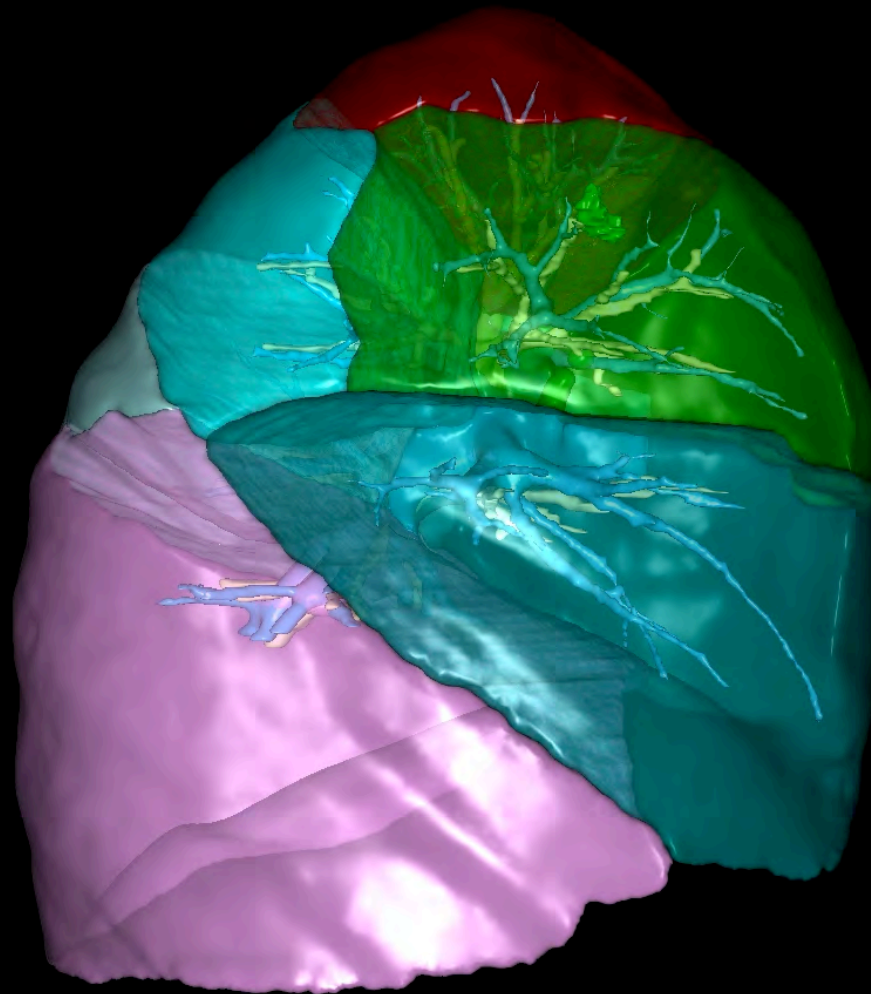


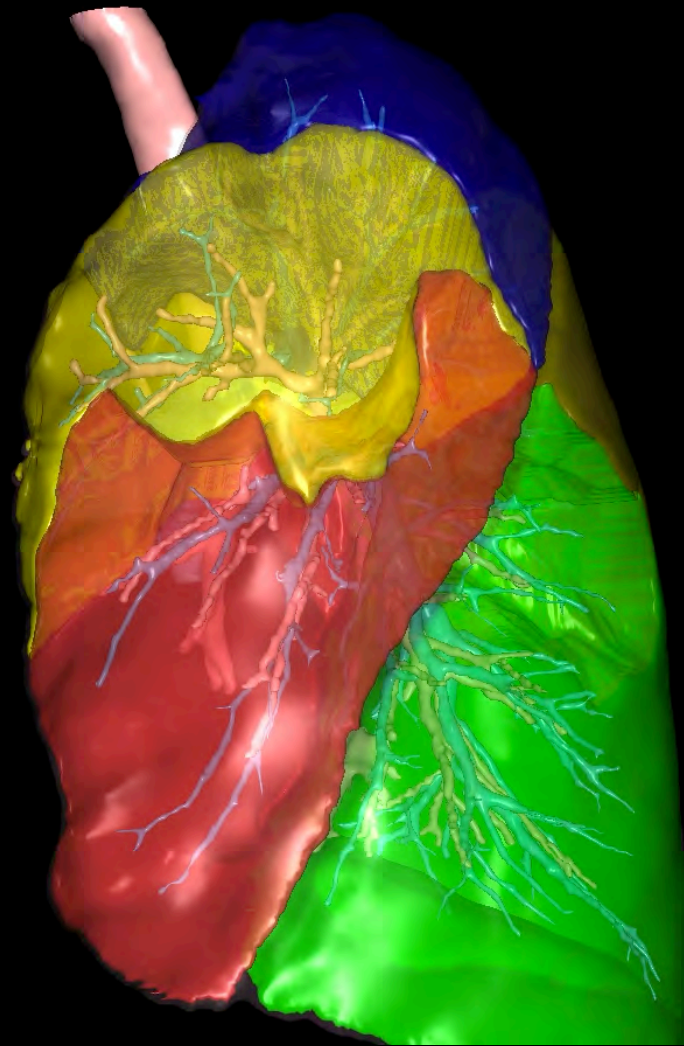


Bronchus and pulmonary Artery

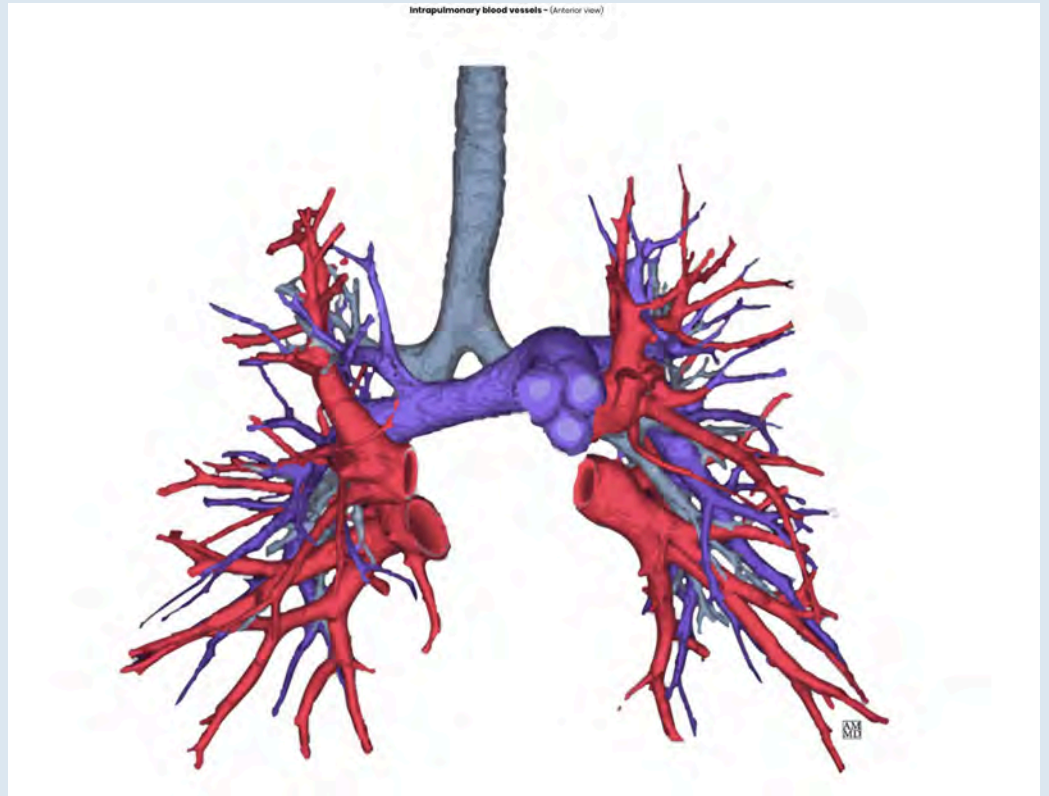




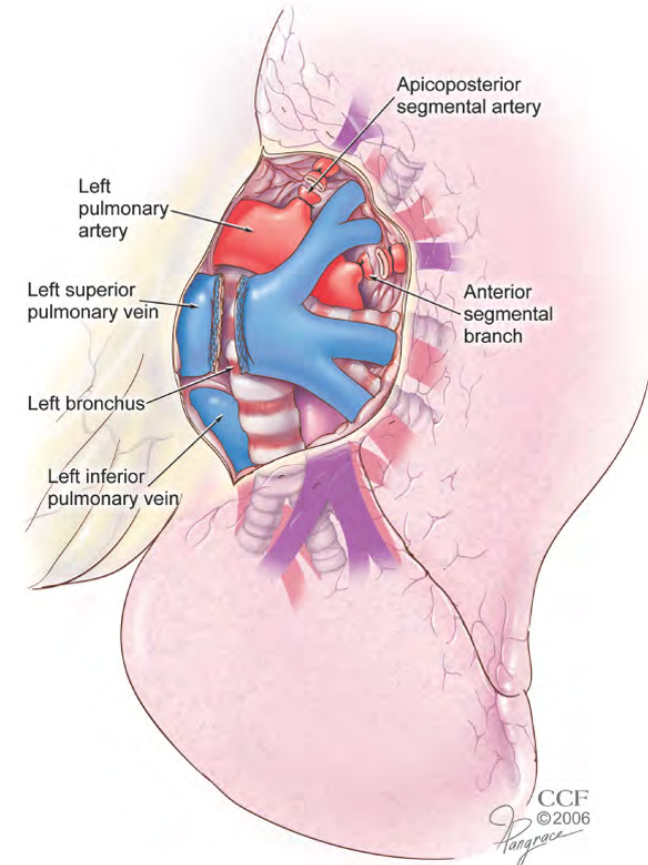
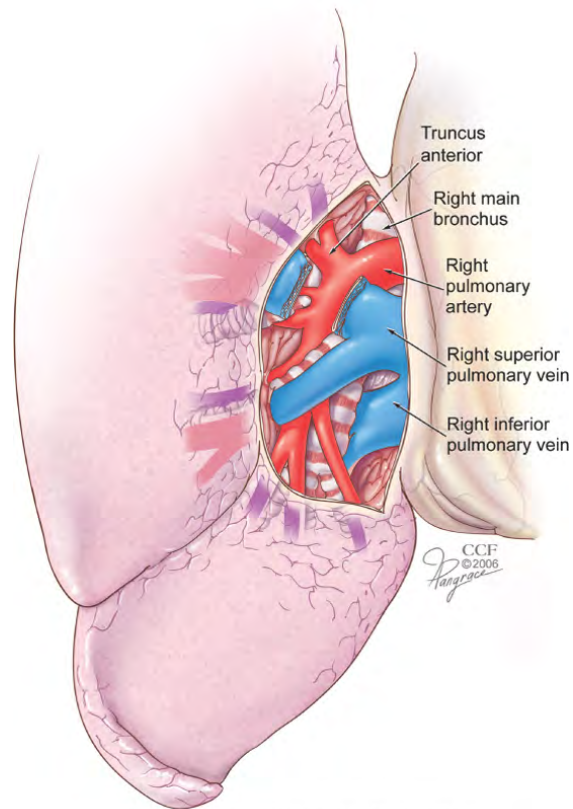


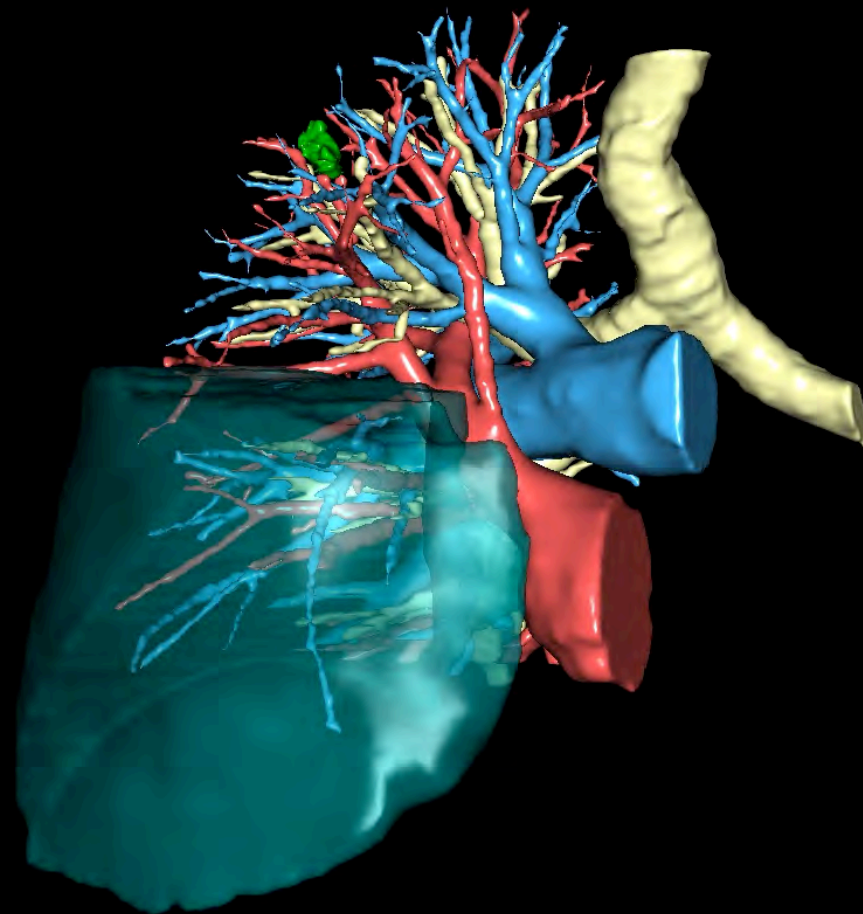


Including the veins...



Hilar anatomy







Lymph Node Map

Lymph node dissection during anatomical resections for NSCLC

GOAL

Complete Resection
Correct Staging

Acceptable Risk – Benefit ratio

The **IASLC** Lung Cancer Staging Project: Analysis Of Resection Margin Status And **Proposals For R Status** Descriptors For Non-small Cell Lung Cancer

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- R0 complete resection
- R1 microscopic residual disease
- R2 macroscopic residual disease

- **NEW:** R(un) – R UNCERTAIN

Resection margins are proved to be free of disease microscopically, but one of the following applies:

- less than 3 N1 or N2 nodes examined
- **less than lobe-specific Systematic Lymph Node Dissection**
- Extra-Capsular Invasion (ECI) of N2 nodes
- positive highest lymph node **station** (status of highest *node* unavailable)
- *carcinoma in situ* at bronchial resection margin (currently R1(i.s.))
- positive pleural lavage cytology (currently R1(cy+))

Lobe specific lymphadenectomy for cT1: Three mediastinal stations and always 7

- right upper and middle lobe: 2R, 4R and 7;
- right lower lobe: 4R, 7, 8 and 9;
- left upper lobe: 5, 6 and 7;
- left lower lobe: 7, 8 and 9.

all lobar and interlobar nodes



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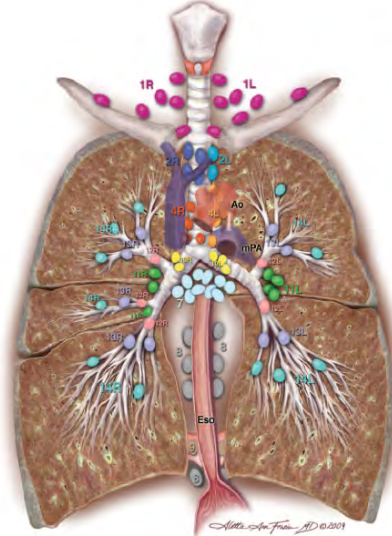


Invited paper

ESTS guidelines for intraoperative lymph node staging in
non-small cell lung cancer^{1,2}

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Standard Lymphadenectomy



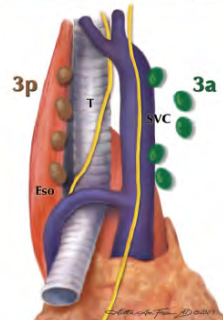
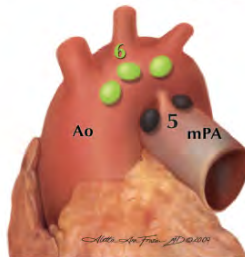
Supraclavicular zone
 1 Low cervical, supraclavicular, and sternal notch nodes

SUPERIOR MEDIASTINAL NODES
Upper zone
 2R Upper Paratracheal (right)
 2L Upper Paratracheal (left)
 3a Prevascular
 3p Retrotracheal
 4R Lower Paratracheal (right)
 4L Lower Paratracheal (left)

AORTIC NODES
AP zone
 5 Subaortic
 6 Para-aortic (ascending aorta or phrenic)

INFERIOR MEDIASTINAL NODES
Subcarinal zone
 7 Subcarinal
Lower zone
 8 Paraesophageal (below carina)
 9 Pulmonary ligament

N1 NODES
Hilar/Interlobar zone
 10 Hilar
 11 Interlobar
Peripheral zone
 12 Lobar
 13 Segmental
 14 Subsegmental



Minimal:
 N1 Nodes
 3 mediastinal positions
 Always position 7

Midline

RIGHT
 Low. border cricoid
 1R
 Up. Manubrium / Apex
 2R
 Low. border Innominate v.
 4R
 Low. Azygos Vein
 10R
 Interlobar region
 Carina
 7
 Low. bronch intermedius
 8
 Inf pulm vein
 9
 Diaphragm



LEFT
 Low. Border cricoid
 1L
 Up. Manubrium / Apex
 2L
 Up. Border Aortic arch
 4L 6
 4L Low. aortic arch
 4L lig. Art. 5
 Up. border Main Pulm a.
 10L
 Interlobar region
 Carina
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 Up. lower lobe bronchus
 8
 Inf pulm vein
 9
 Diaphragm

IASLC STAGING COMMITTEE ARTICLE

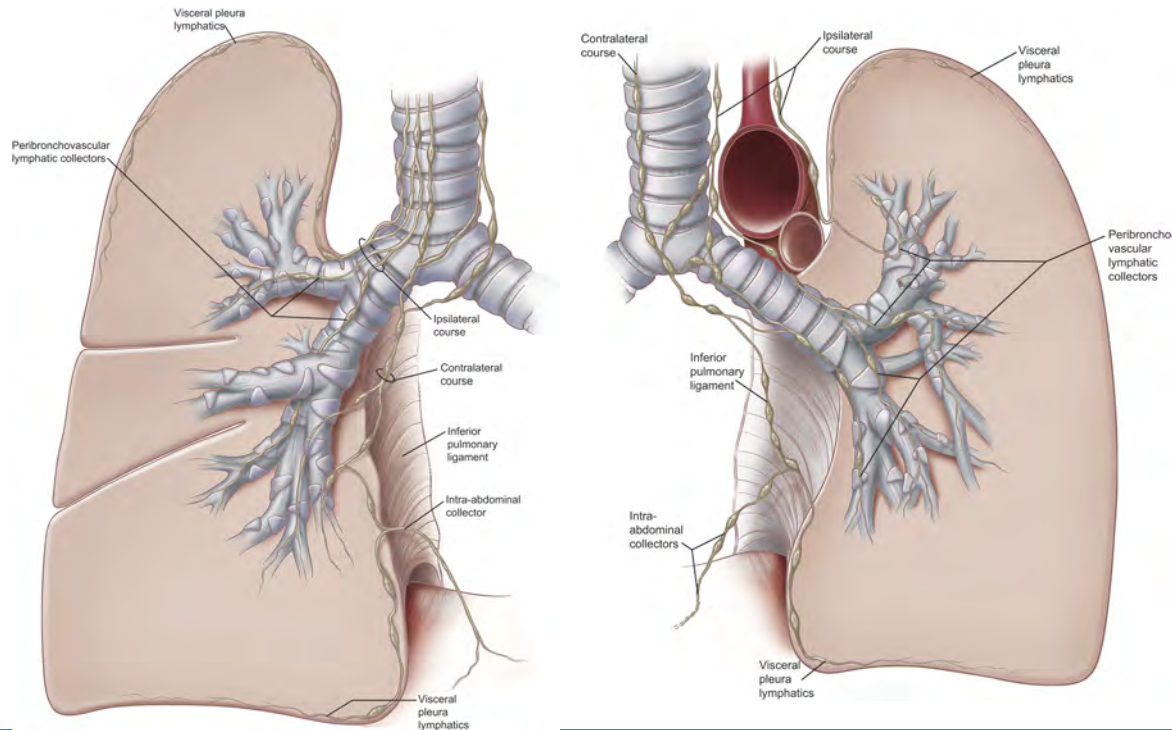
The IASLC Lung Cancer Staging Project
 A Proposal for a New International Lymph Node Map in the
 Forthcoming Seventh Edition of the TNM Classification for Lung Cancer

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Bronchial Arteries and Lymphatics of the Lung

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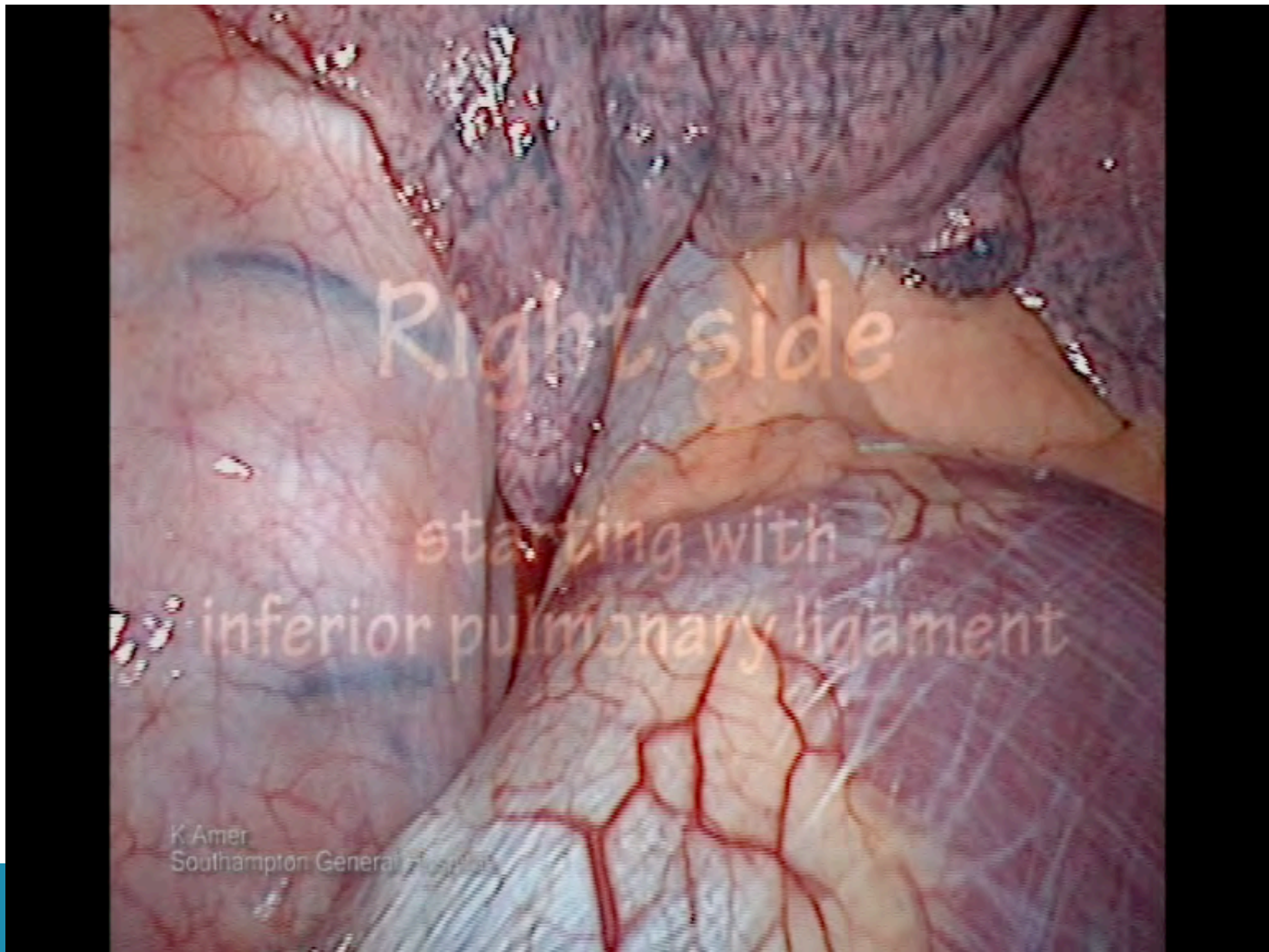


Network of lymphatics:

1. "Superficial" or pleural plexus within the connective tissue of the visceral pleura
2. "Deep" peribronchovascular plexus within the connective tissue surrounding airways, pulmonary arteries and veins

Lauweryns JM, Baert JH. Alveolar clearance and the role of the pulmonary lymphatics. *Am Rev Respir Dis* 1977;115:625–83





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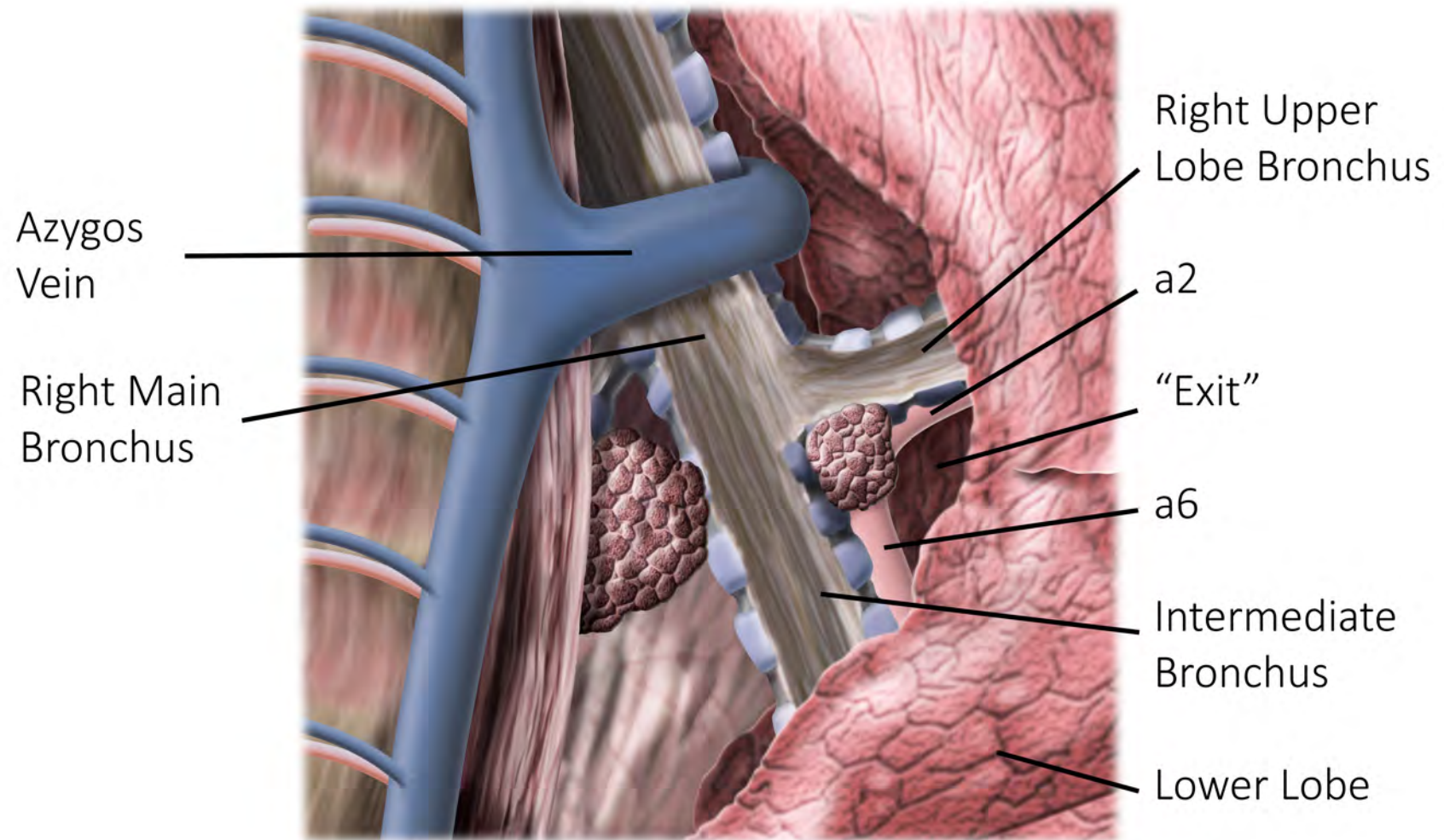
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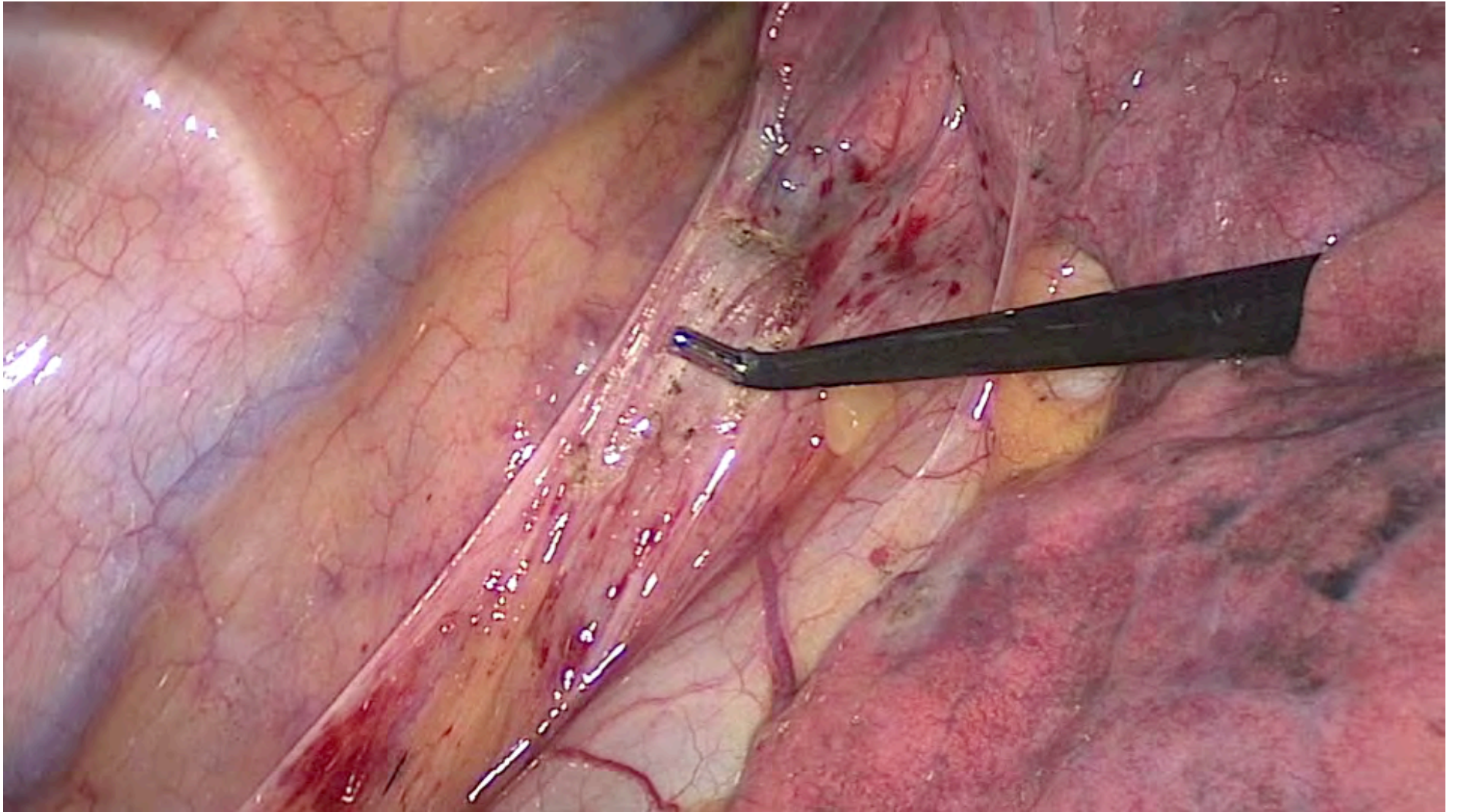
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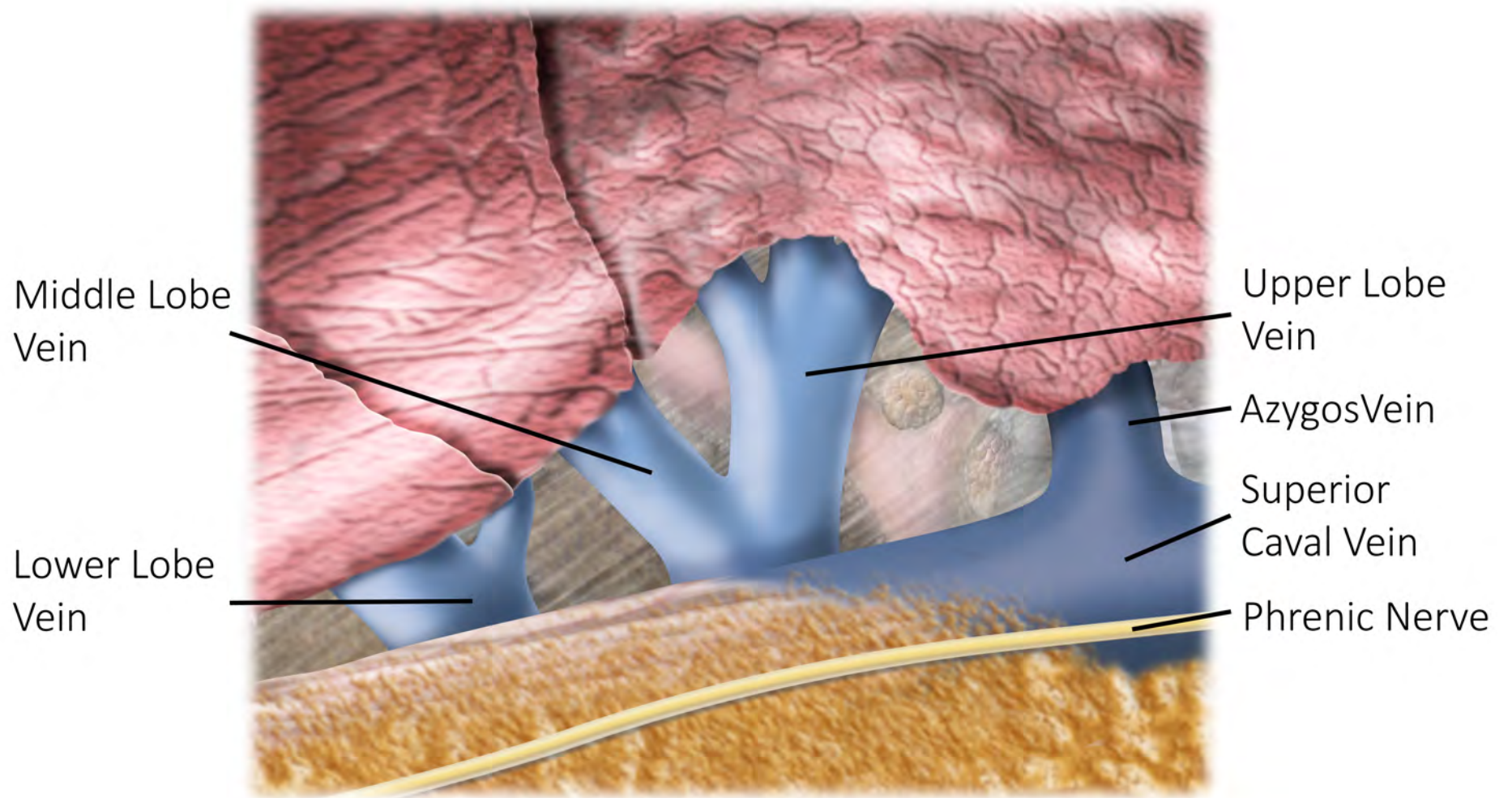
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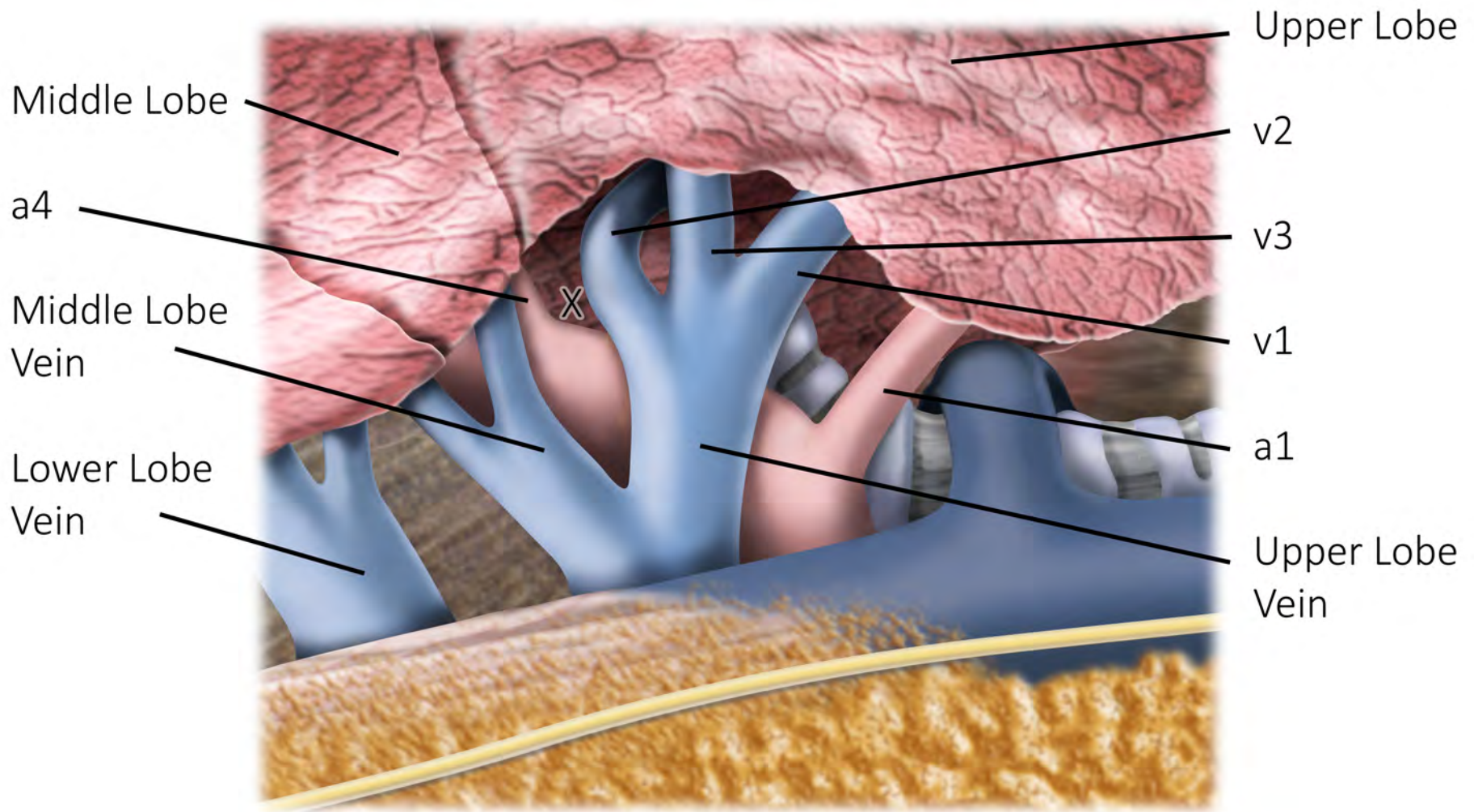
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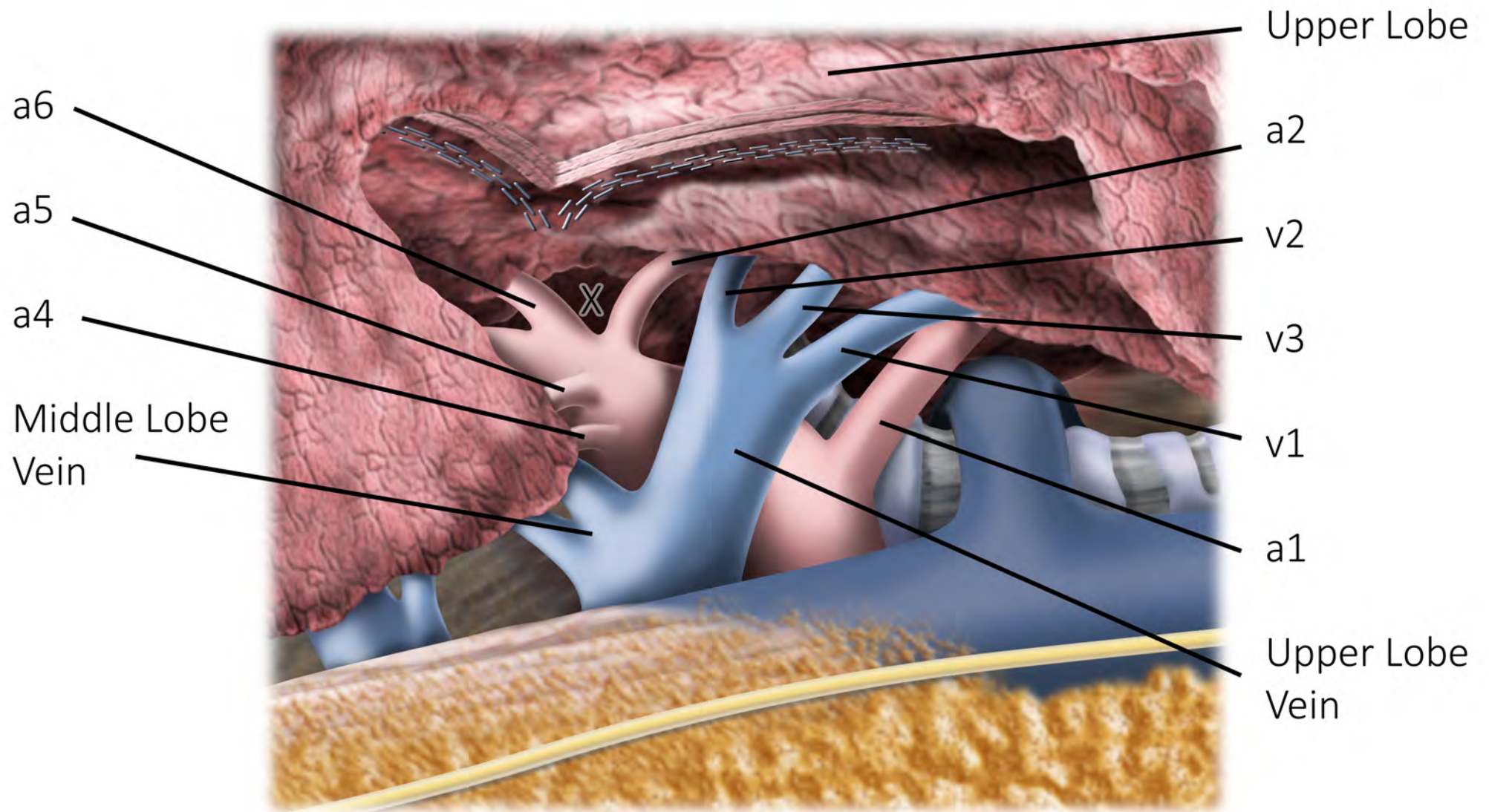
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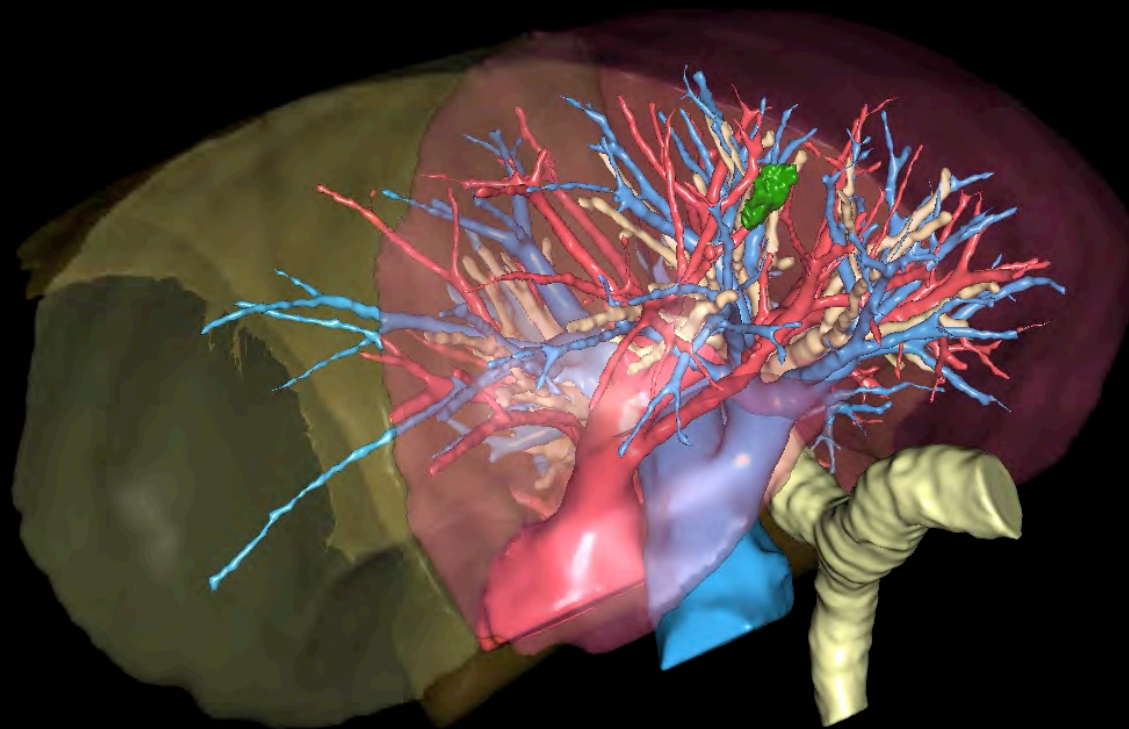




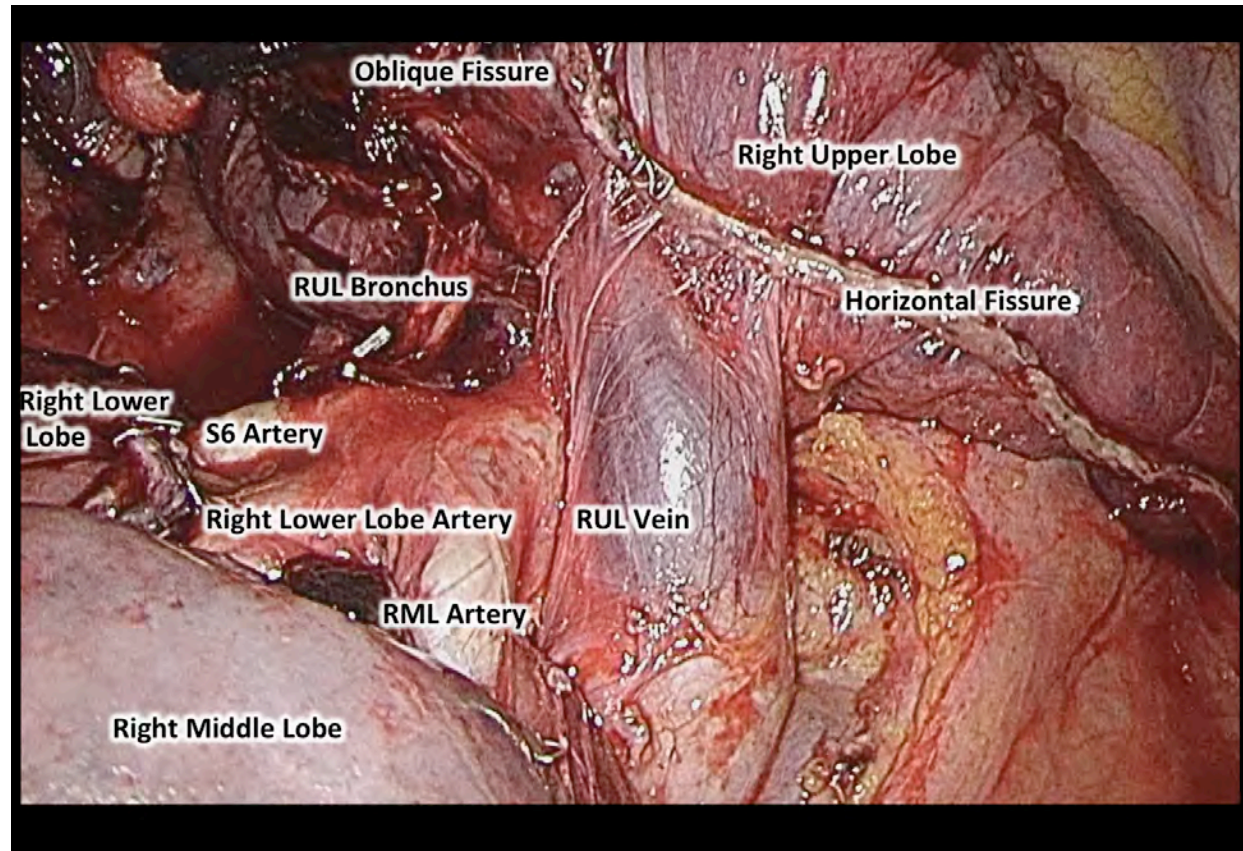






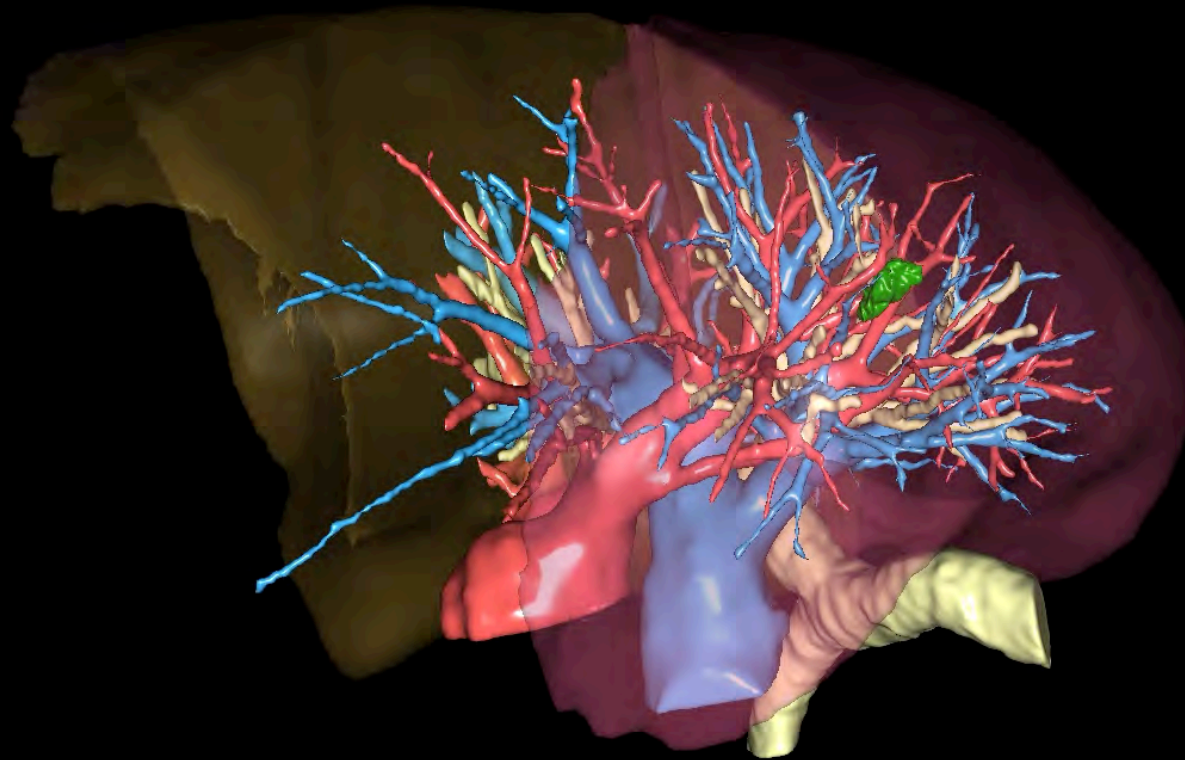


Right upper lobe





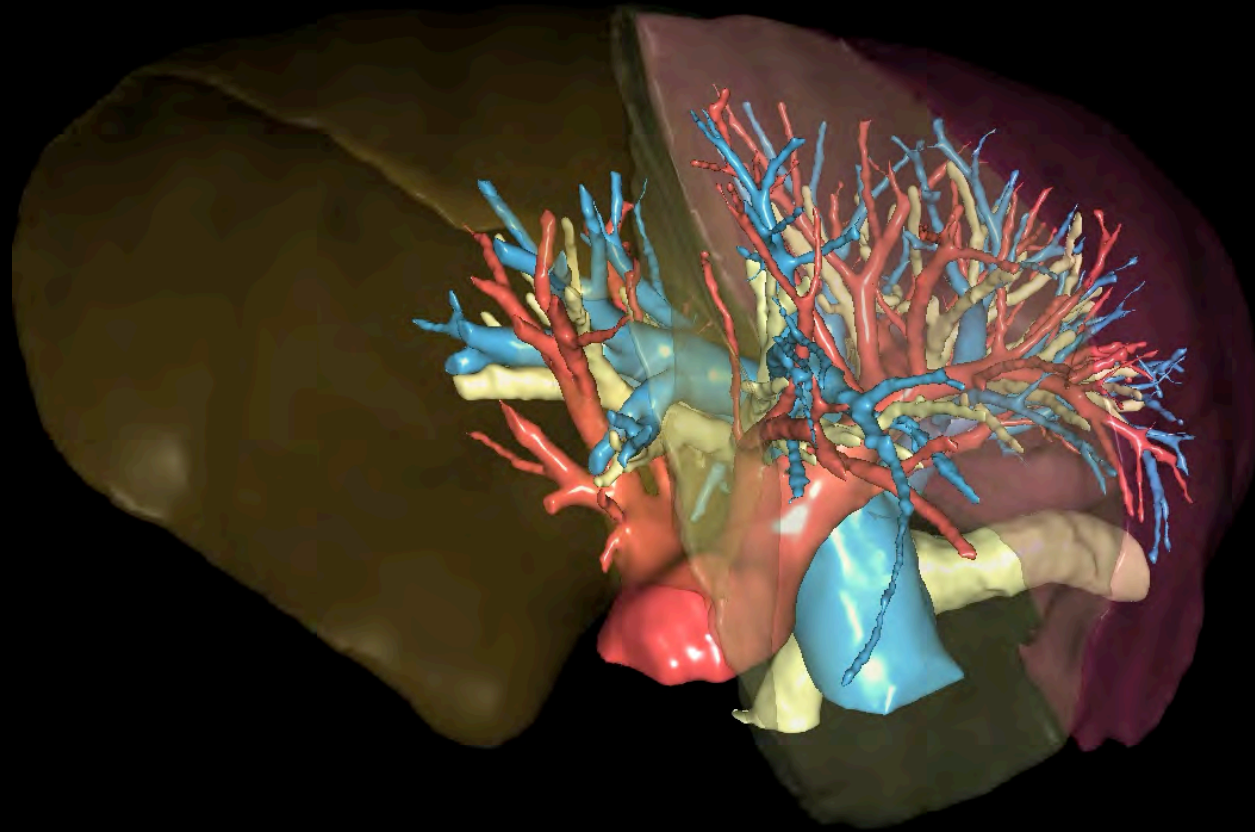
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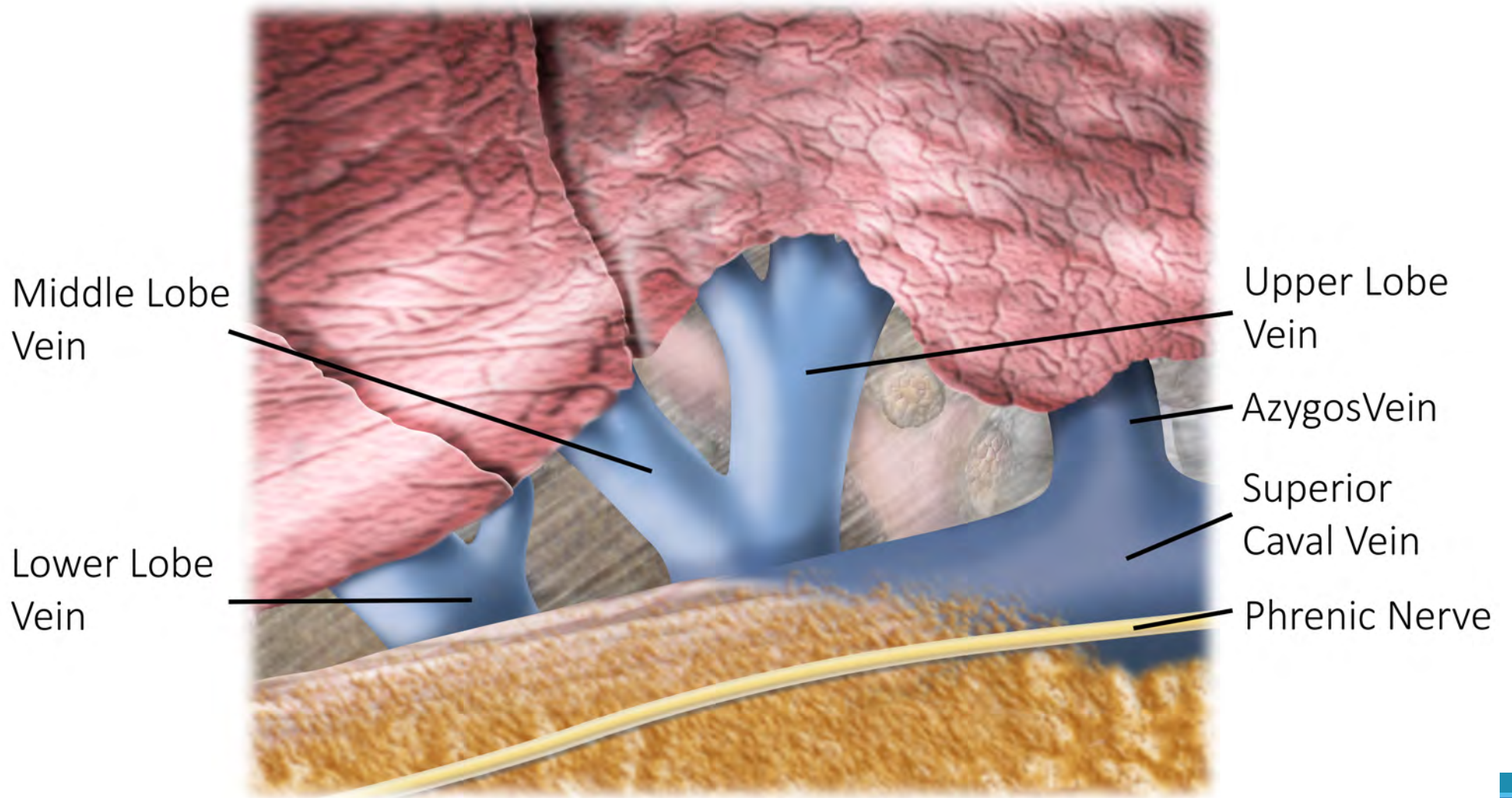


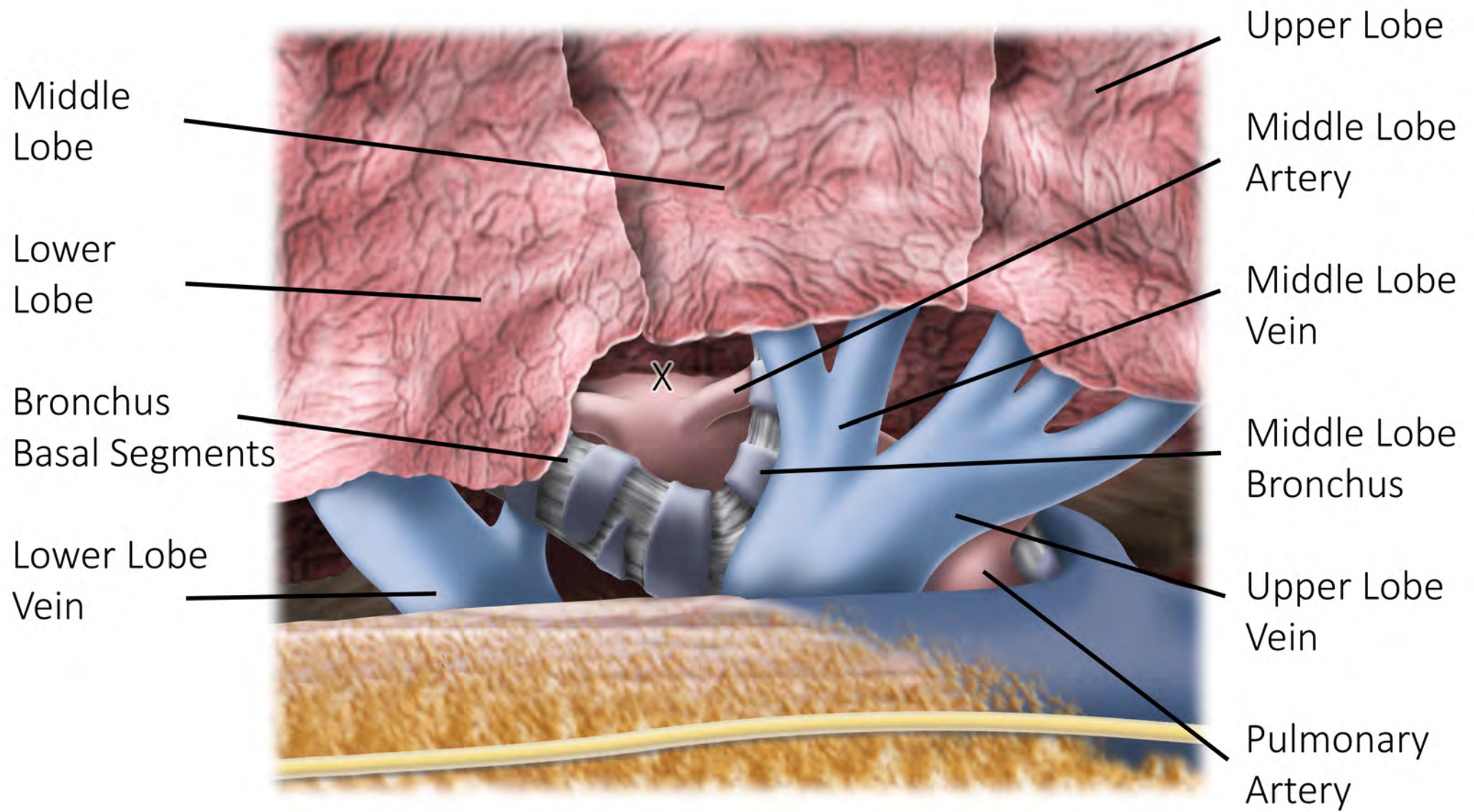
Middle lobectomy

- Uniportal middle lobectomy
- RATS middle lobectomy

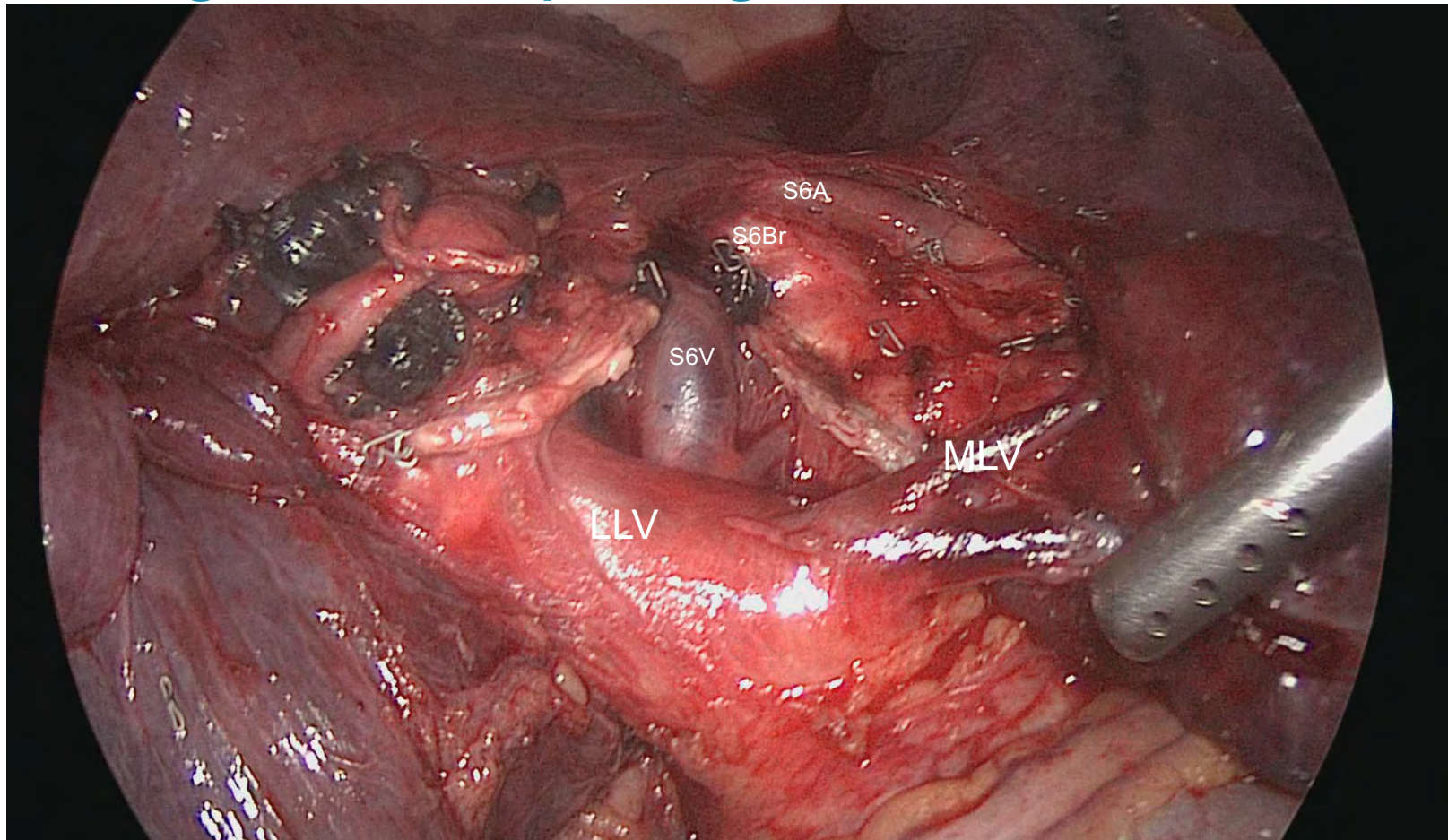
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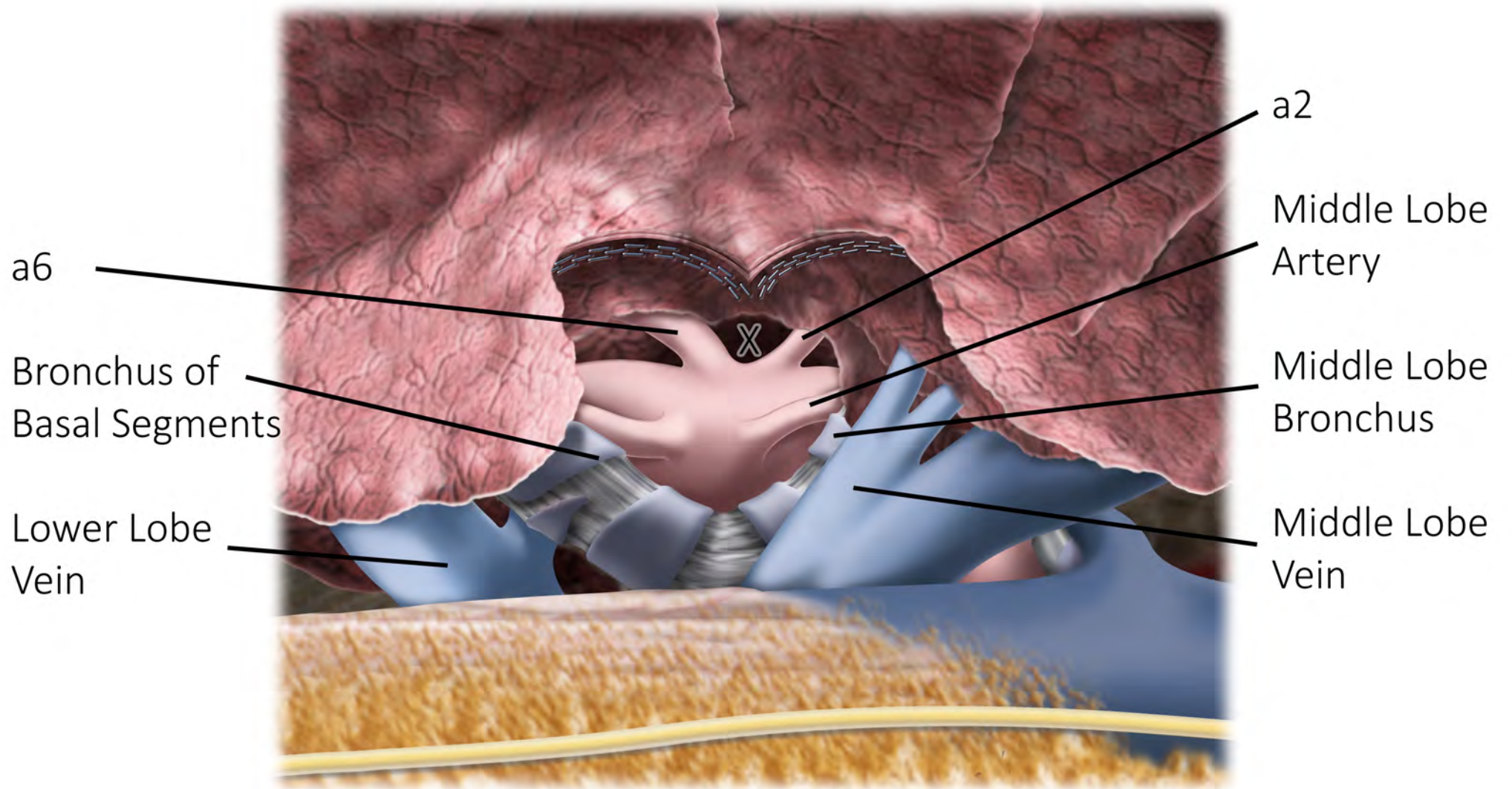






Segment 6 sparing RLL





Left Upper & Lower Lobe

Upper Lobe

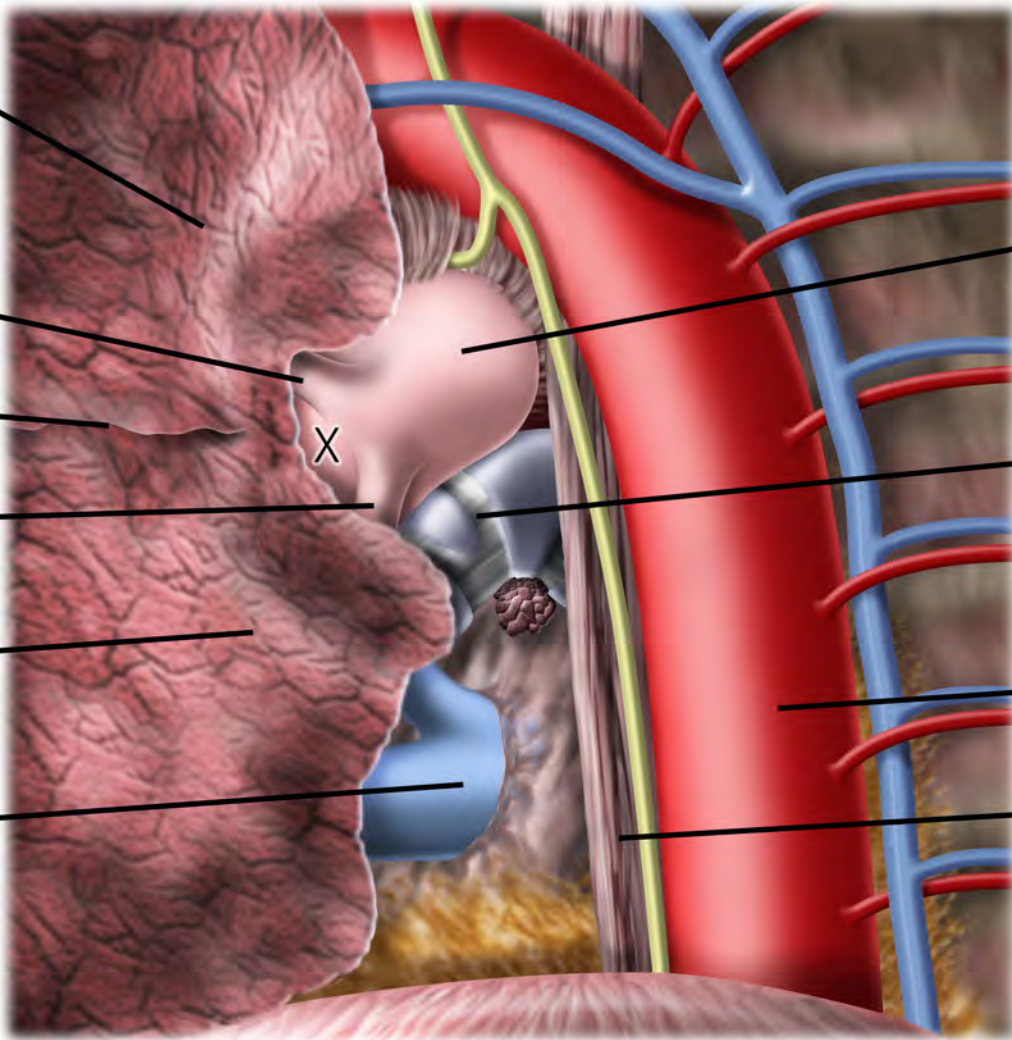
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Fissure

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Lower Lobe

Lower Lobe
Vein

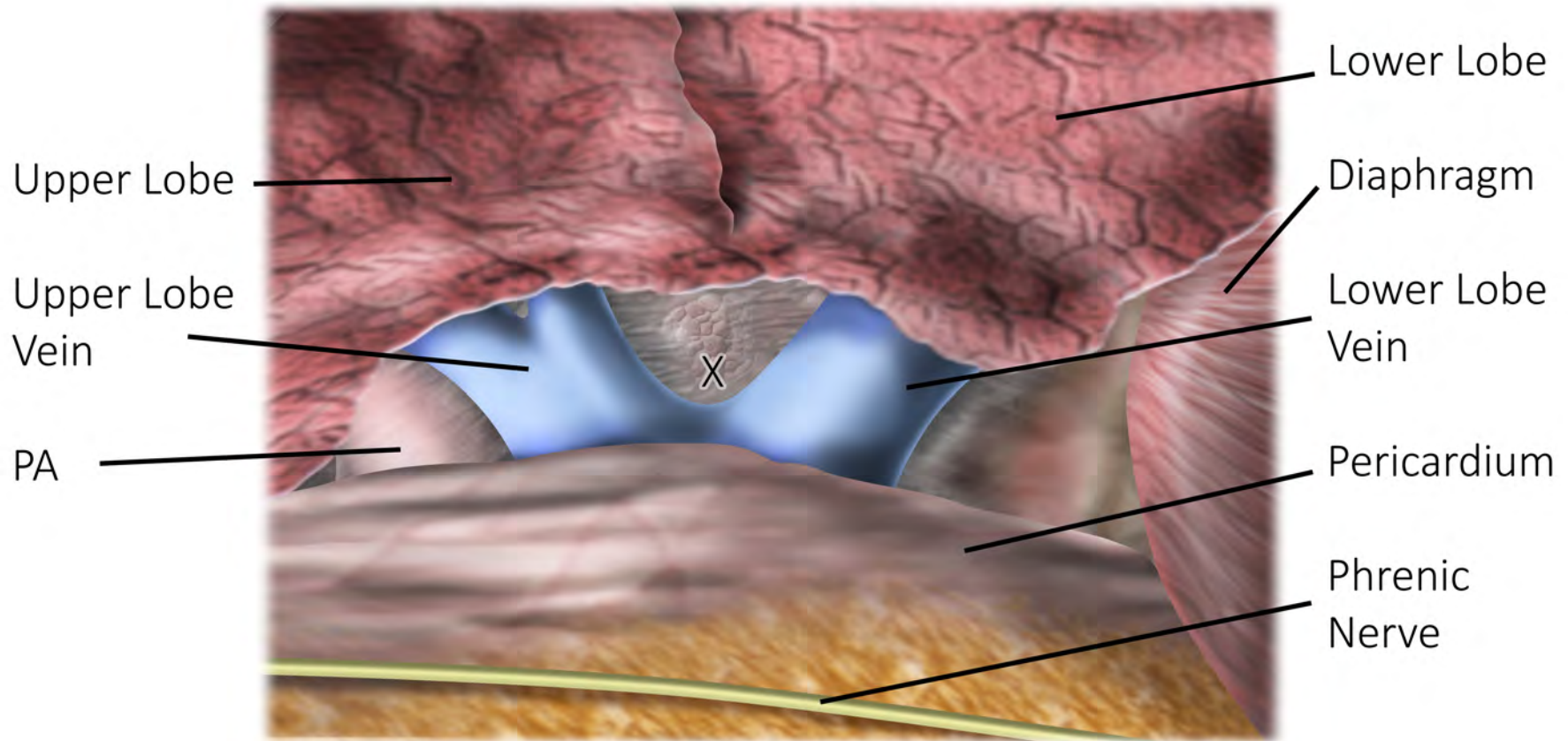


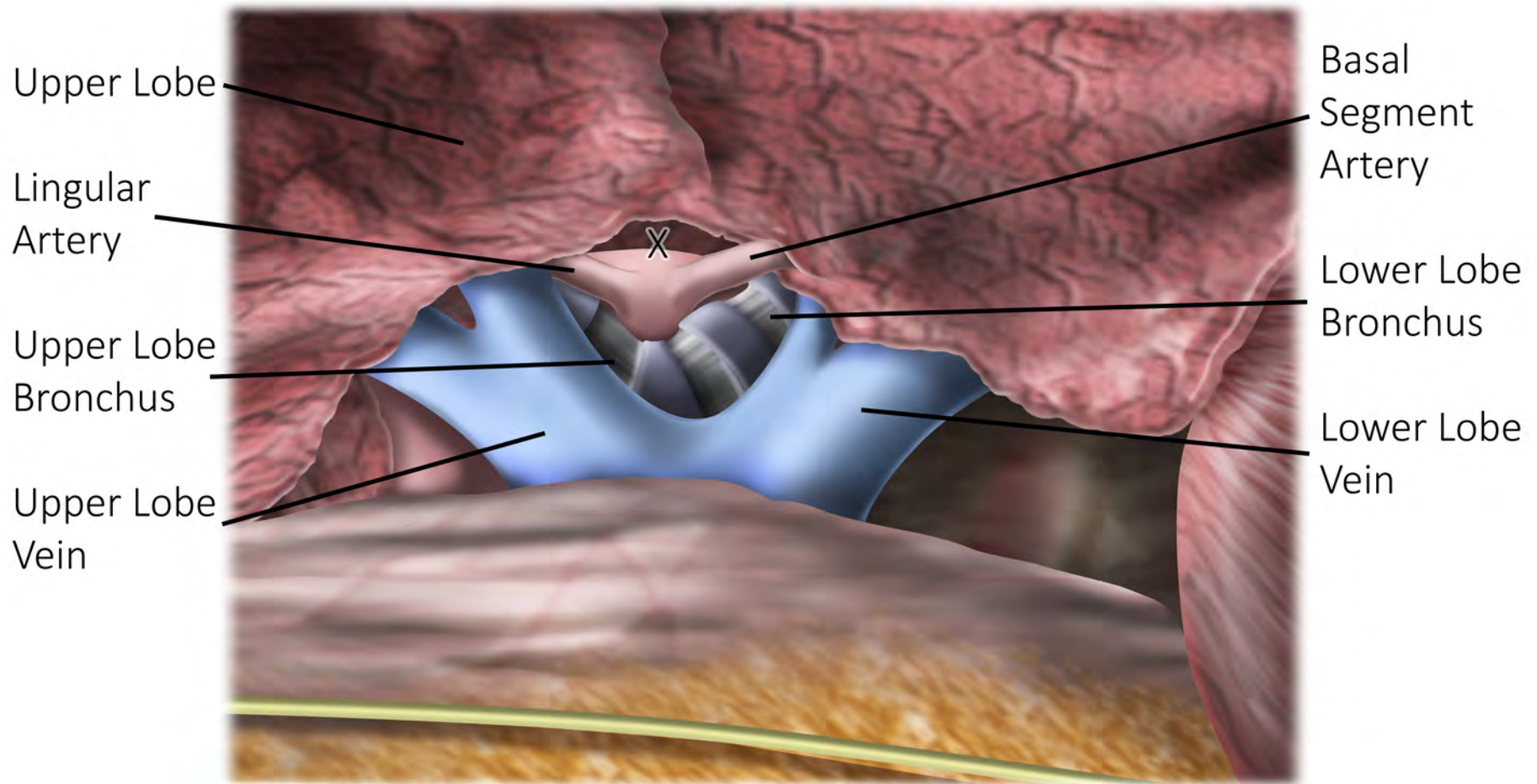
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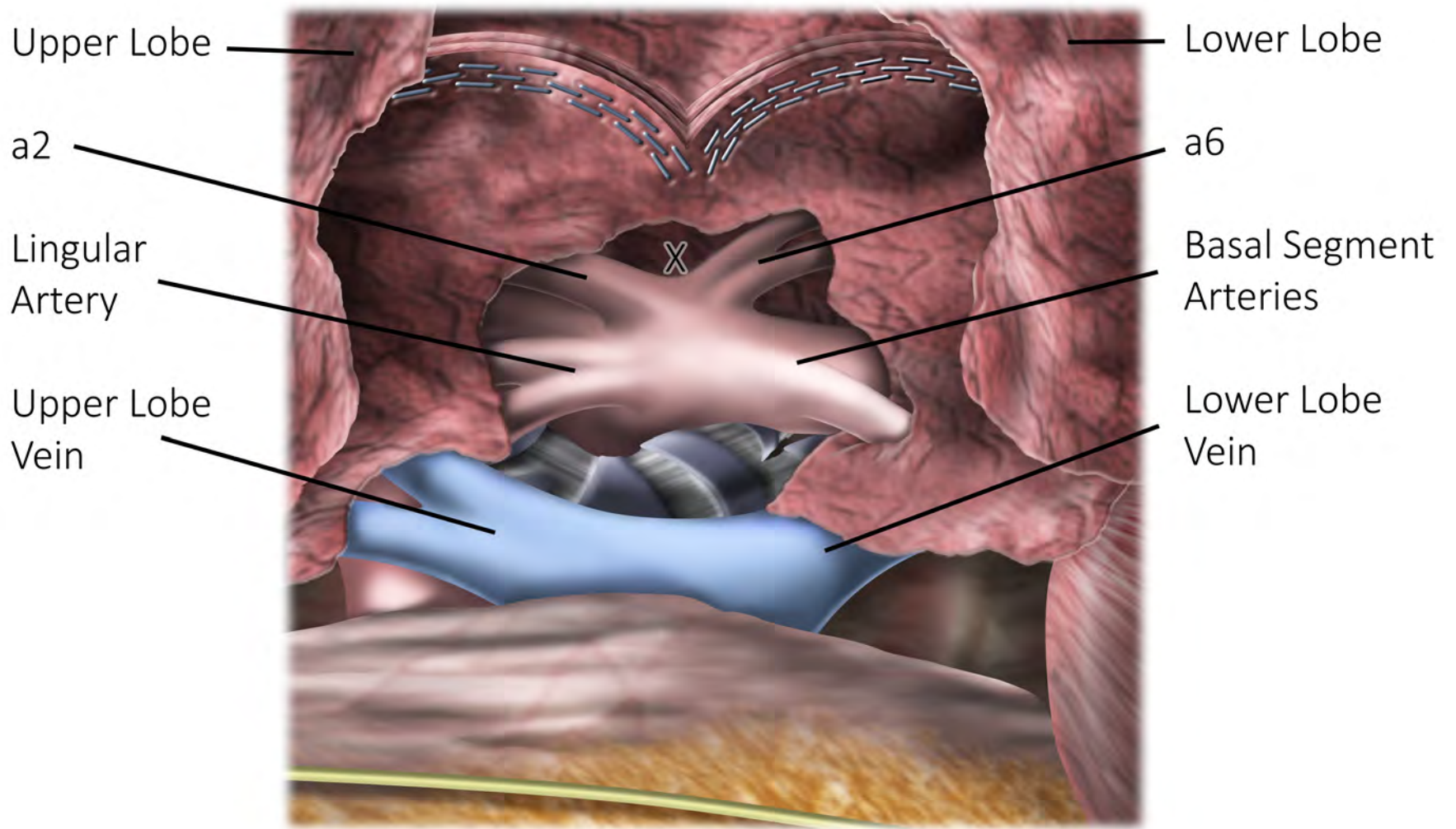
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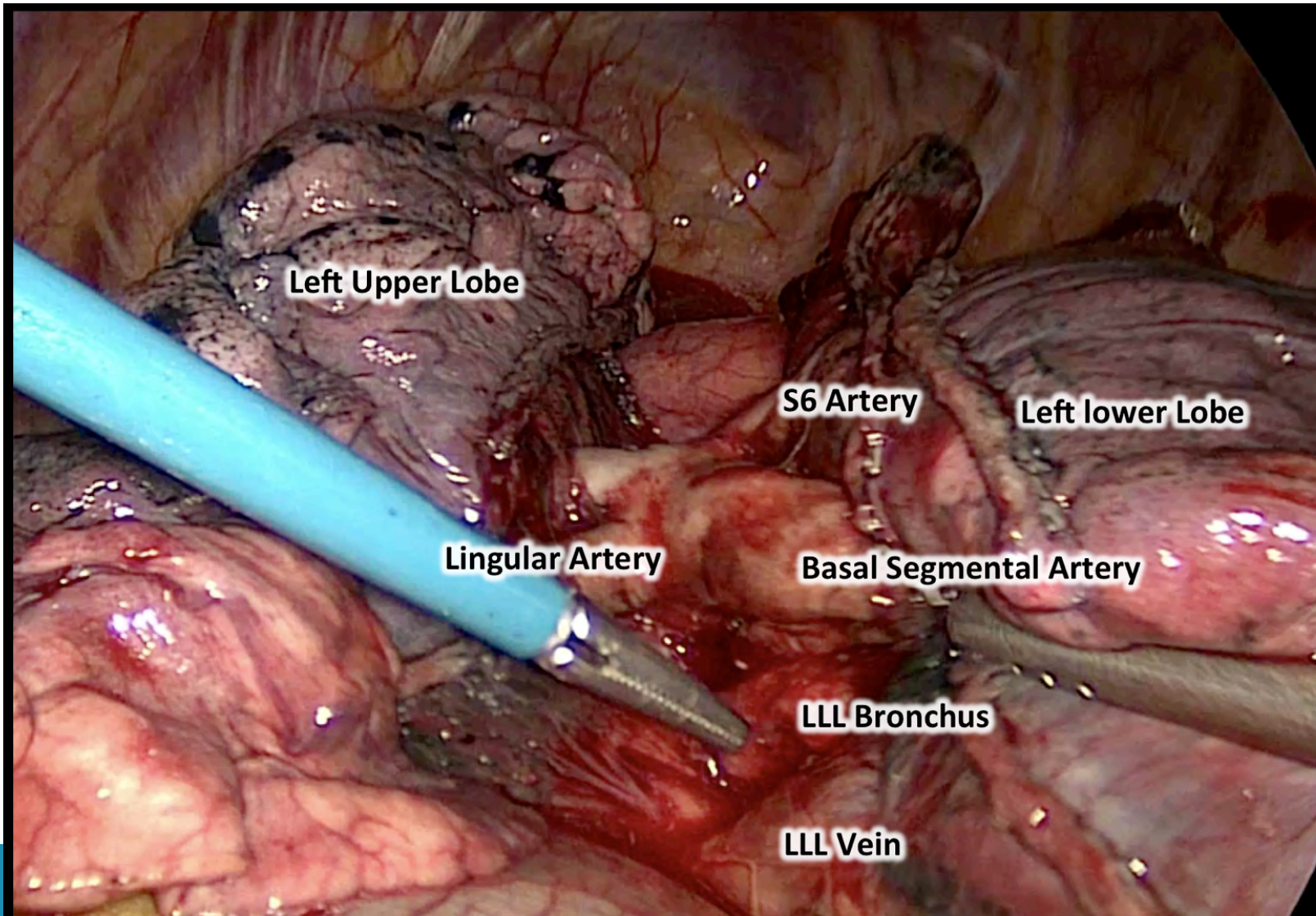
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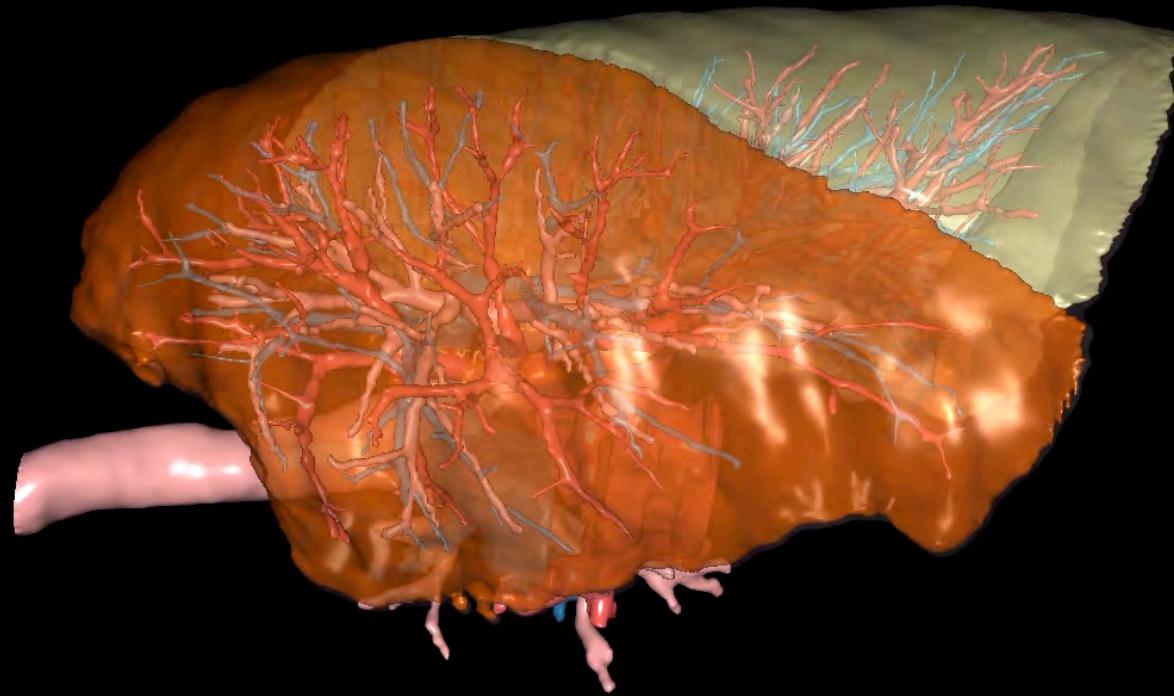
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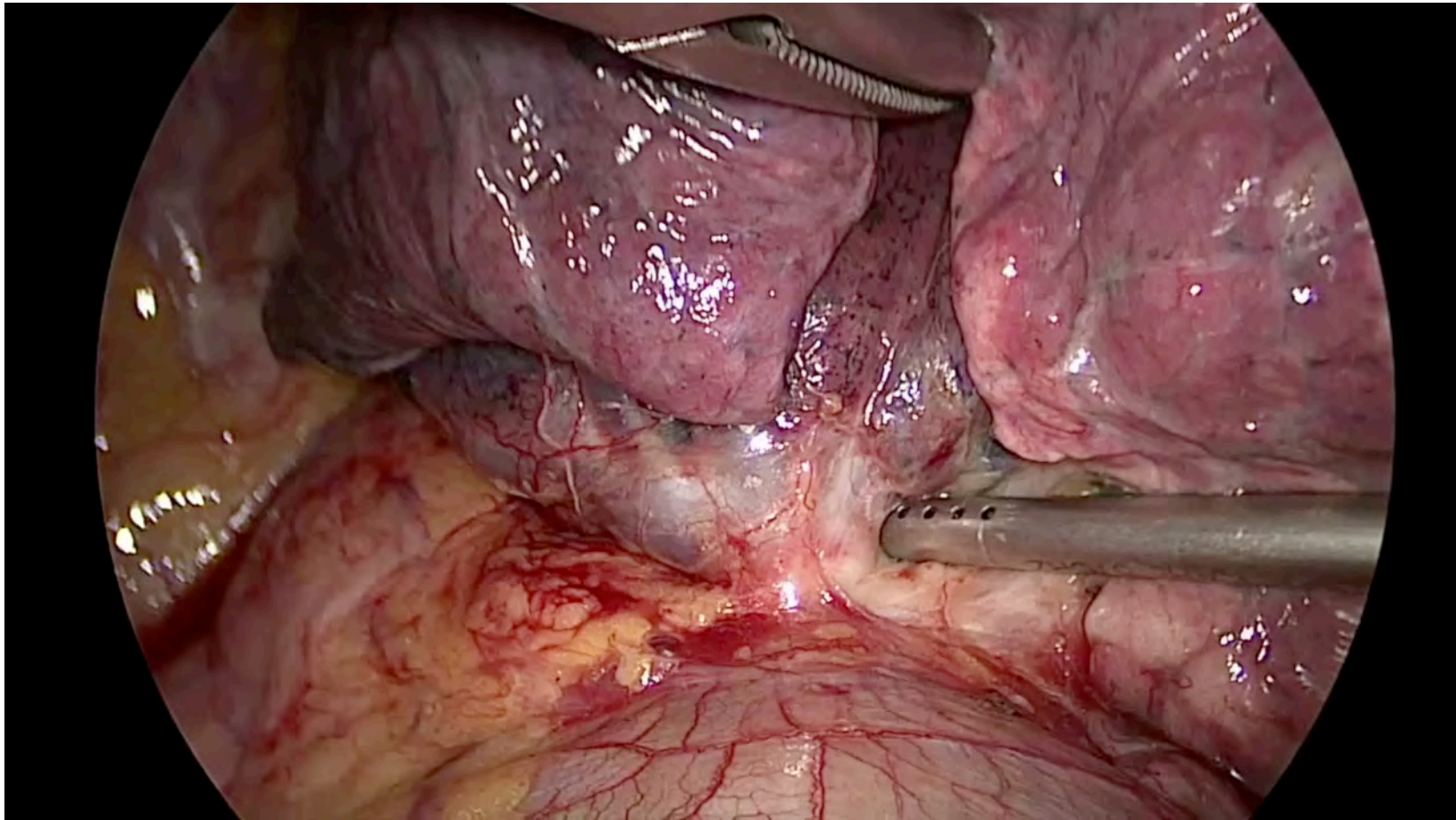




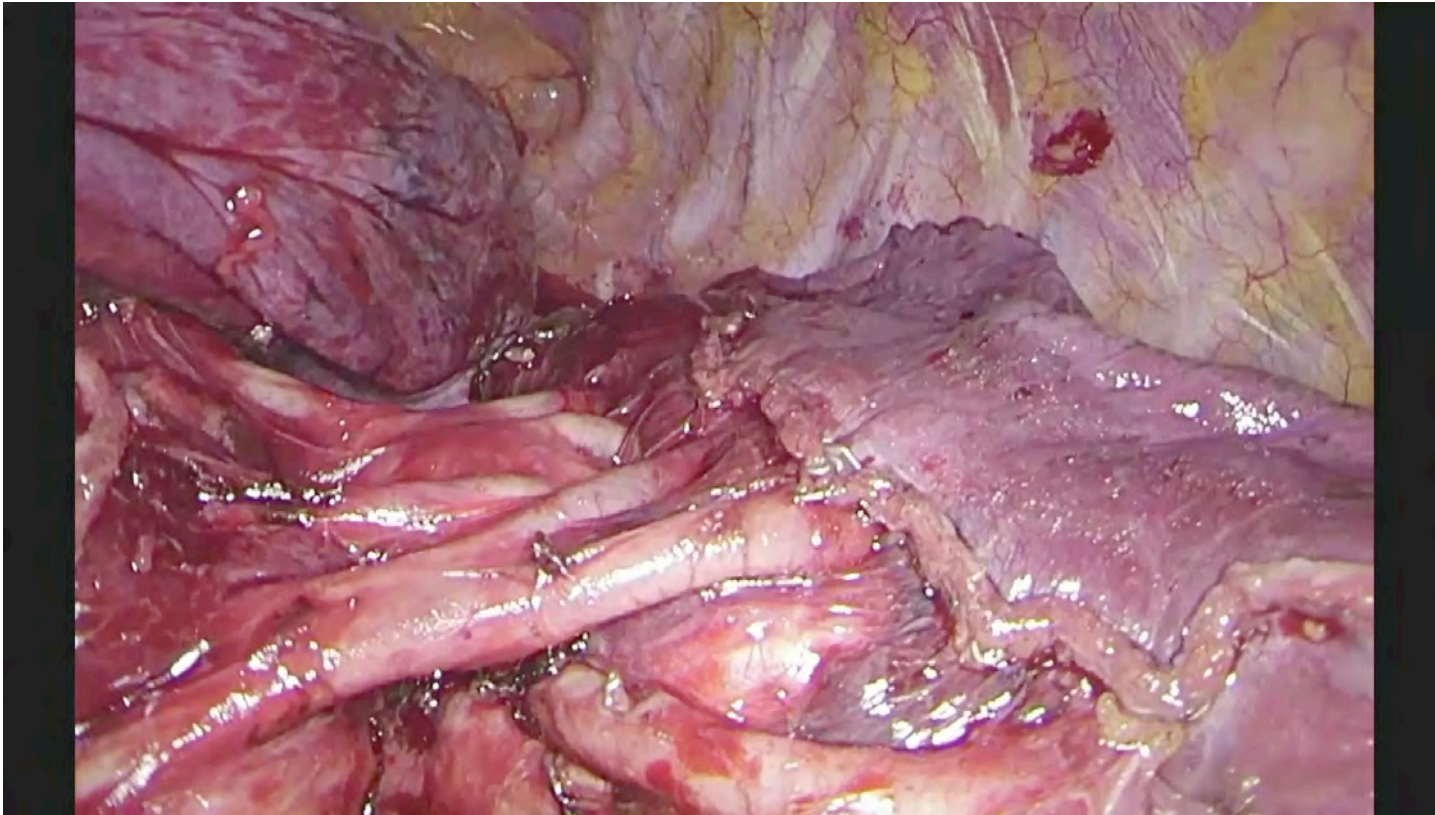








'crazy' fissure



Segmentectomies

Segmentectomy

Easy:

S 6

S 1-3 left (culmen /
trisegmentectomy/
lingulasparing lobectomy)

S 4-5 left (lingula)

S6 sparing lobectomy

Moderate:

Apicodorsal 1+2

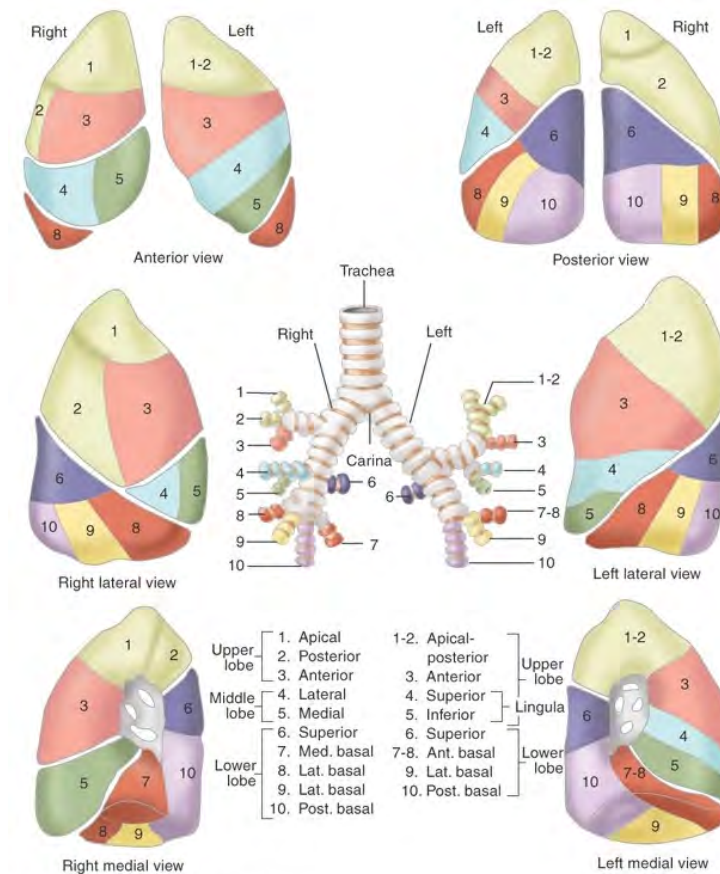
Individual S1/2/3

(Individual segments S4/5)

Anteromedial basal
segments lower lobe

Hard:

Individual (lateral) basal
segments S7-10



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Thoracoscopic Right Apicoposterior Segmentectomy

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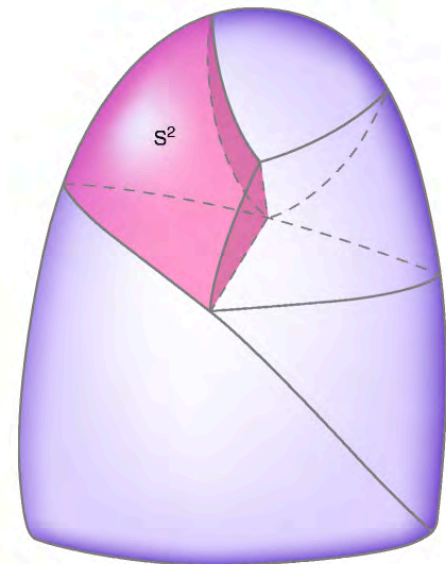
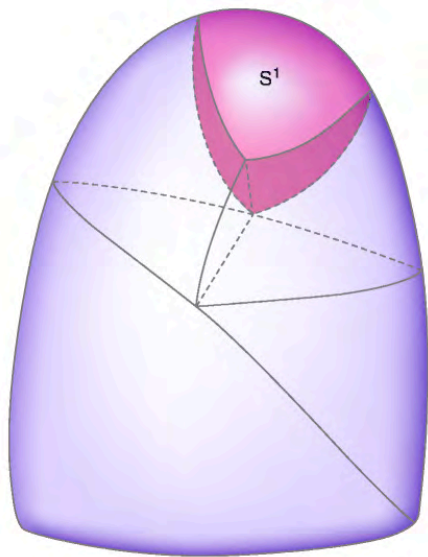
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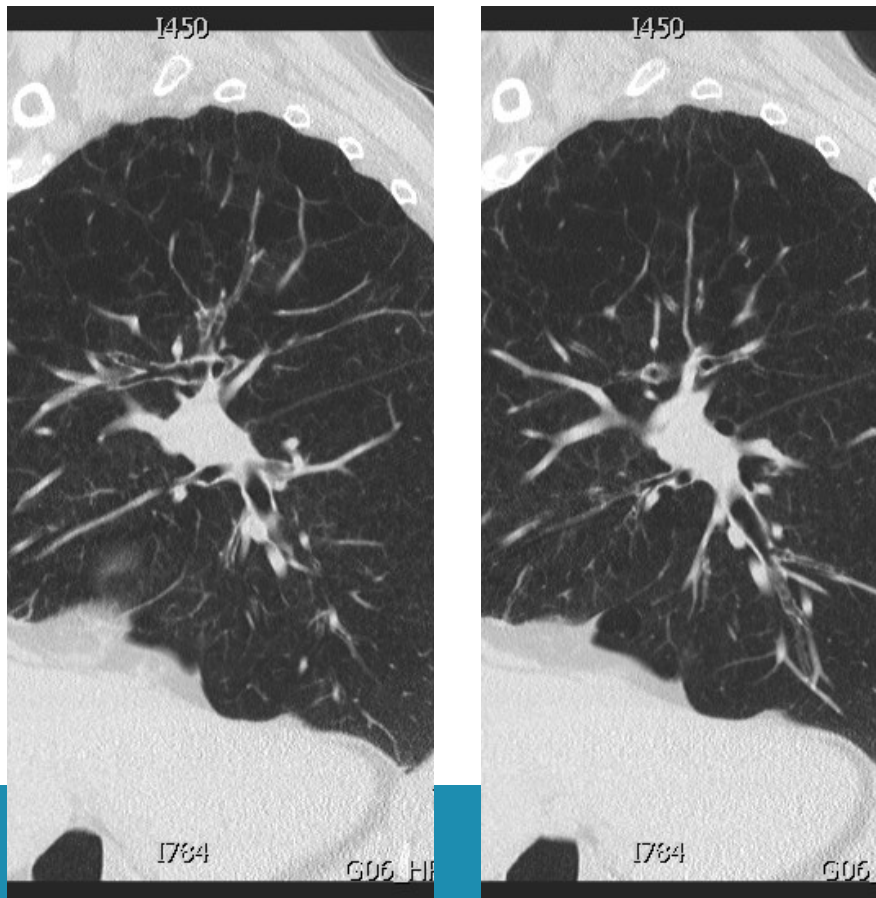
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Right S1-S2

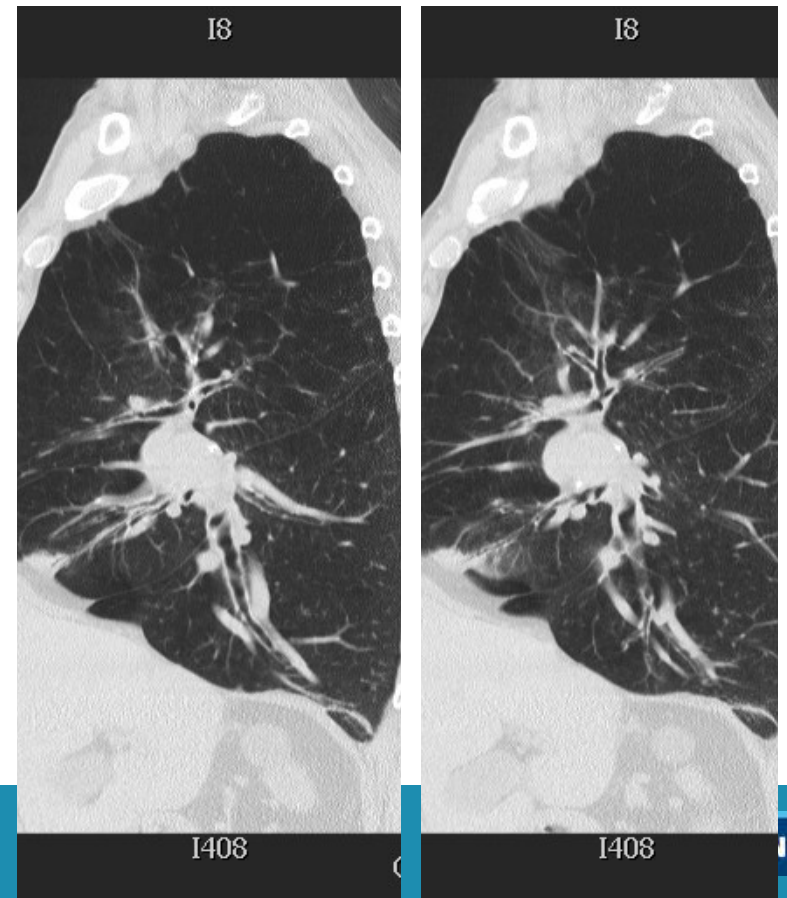


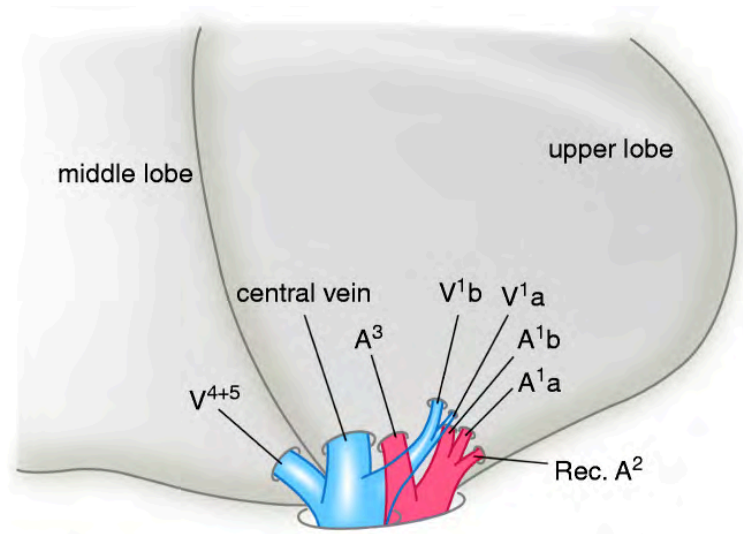
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B1 + B2 + B3

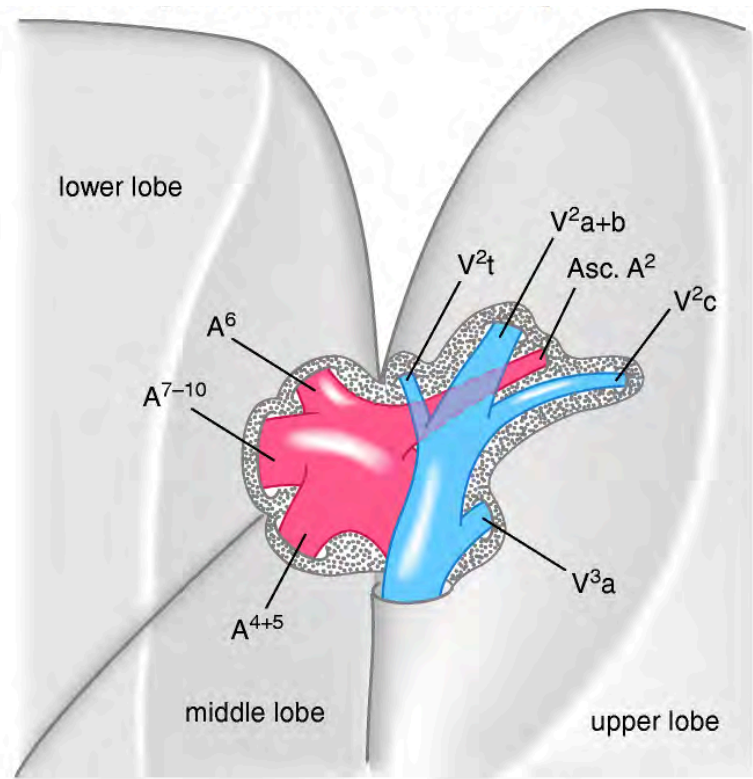


B1-2 + B3





Anterior view

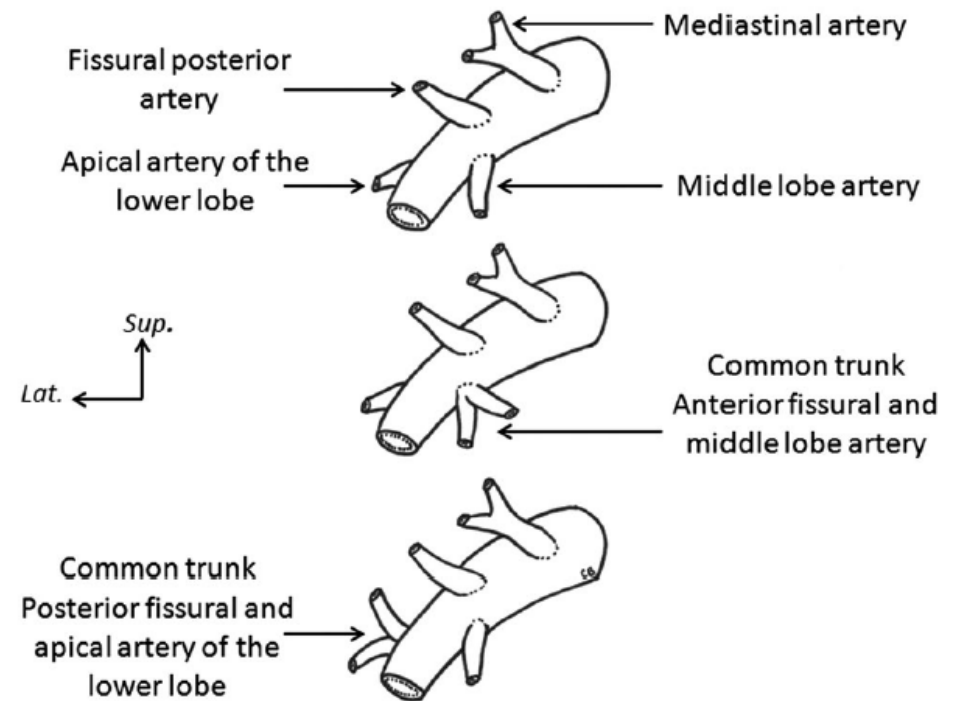


Lateral View

Right Upper Lobe: Artery

Three-dimensional CT angiography of anatomic variations in the pulmonary arterial tree

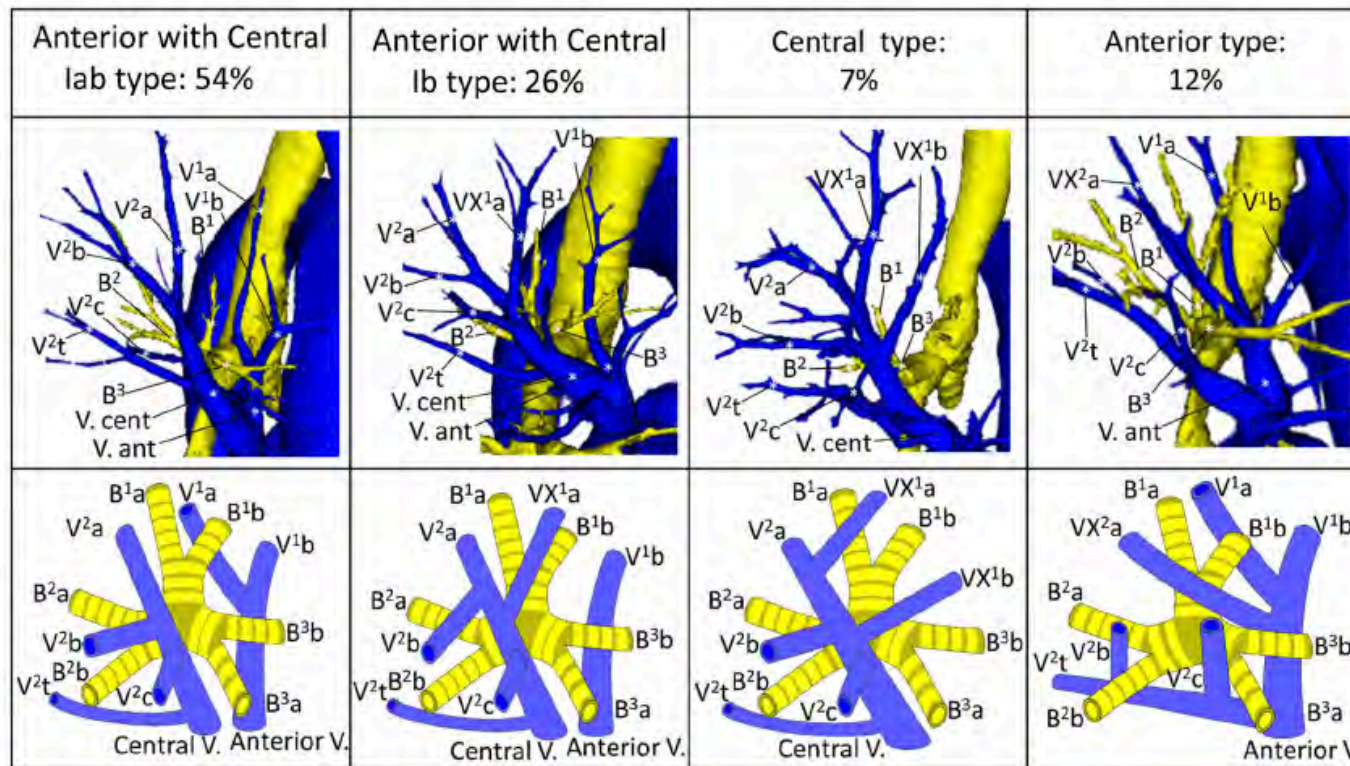
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Right Upper Lobe: Veins

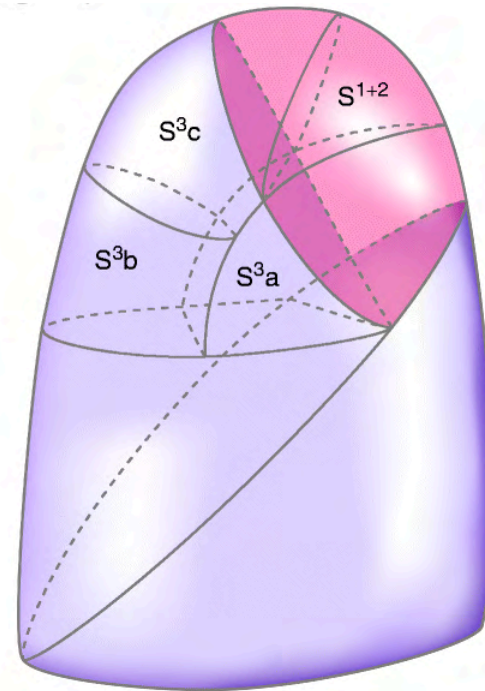
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Left



Bronchus



B1-2 + B3

Pulmonary artery left upper lobe

Thorax (1959), 14, 267.

VARYING PATTERNS OF THE LOBAR BRANCHES OF THE PULMONARY ARTERY A STUDY OF 524 LUNGS AND LOBES SEEN AT OPERATION ON 426 PATIENTS

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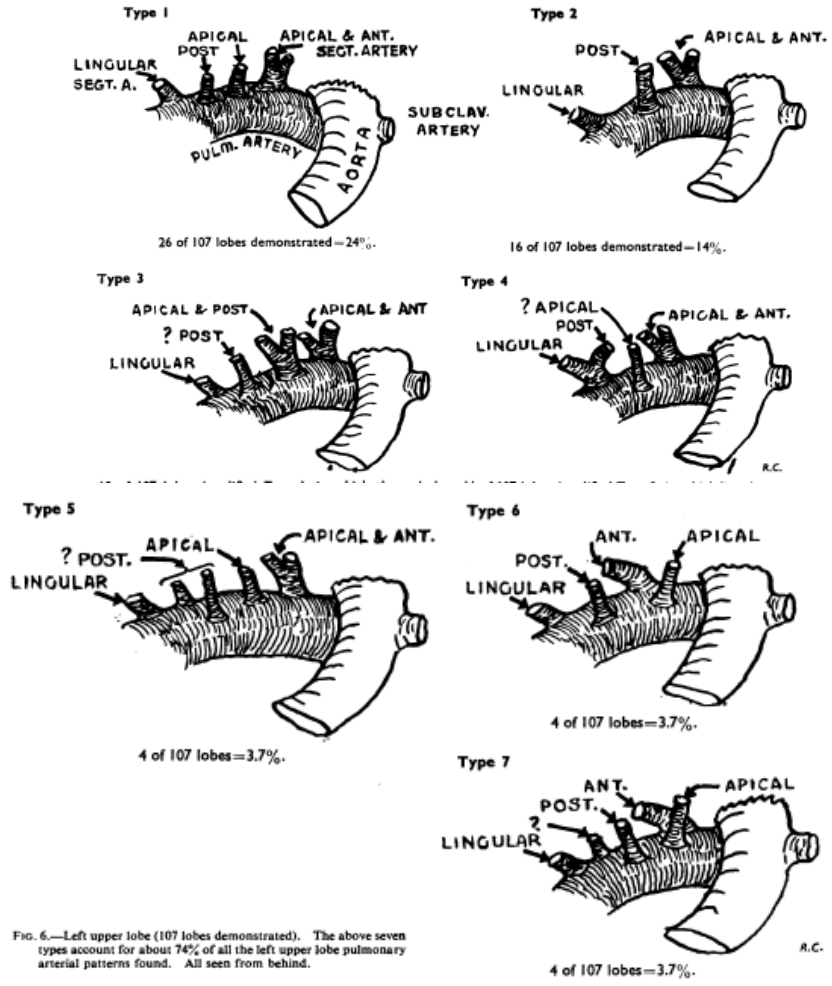


FIG. 6.—Left upper lobe (107 lobes demonstrated). The above seven types account for about 74% of all the left upper lobe pulmonary arterial patterns found. All seen from behind.

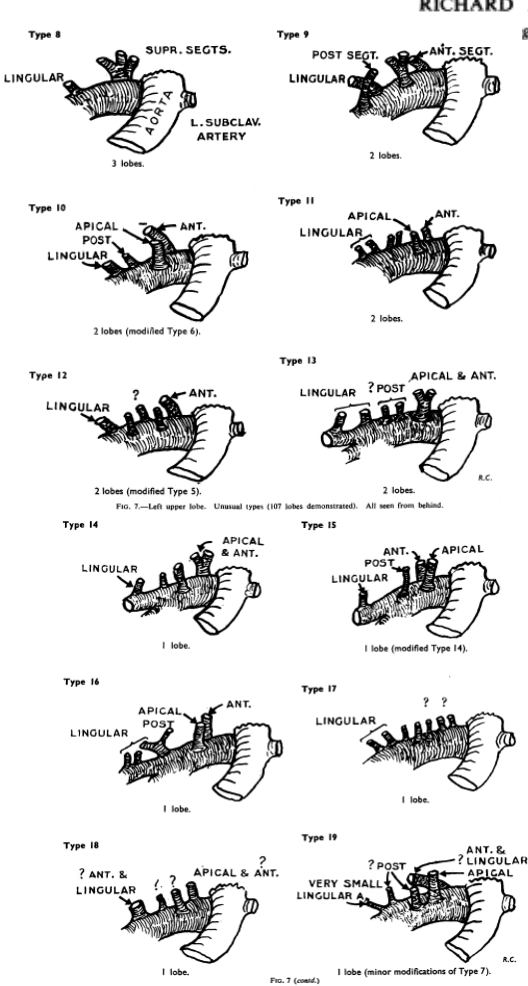


FIG. 7.—Left upper lobe. Unusual types (107 lobes demonstrated). All seen from behind.

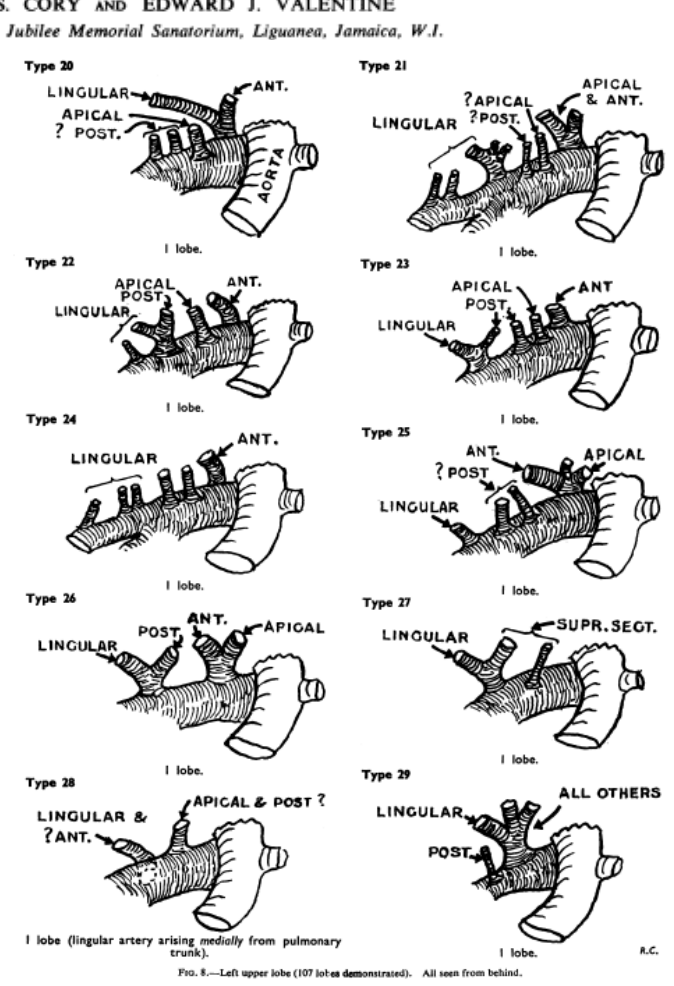
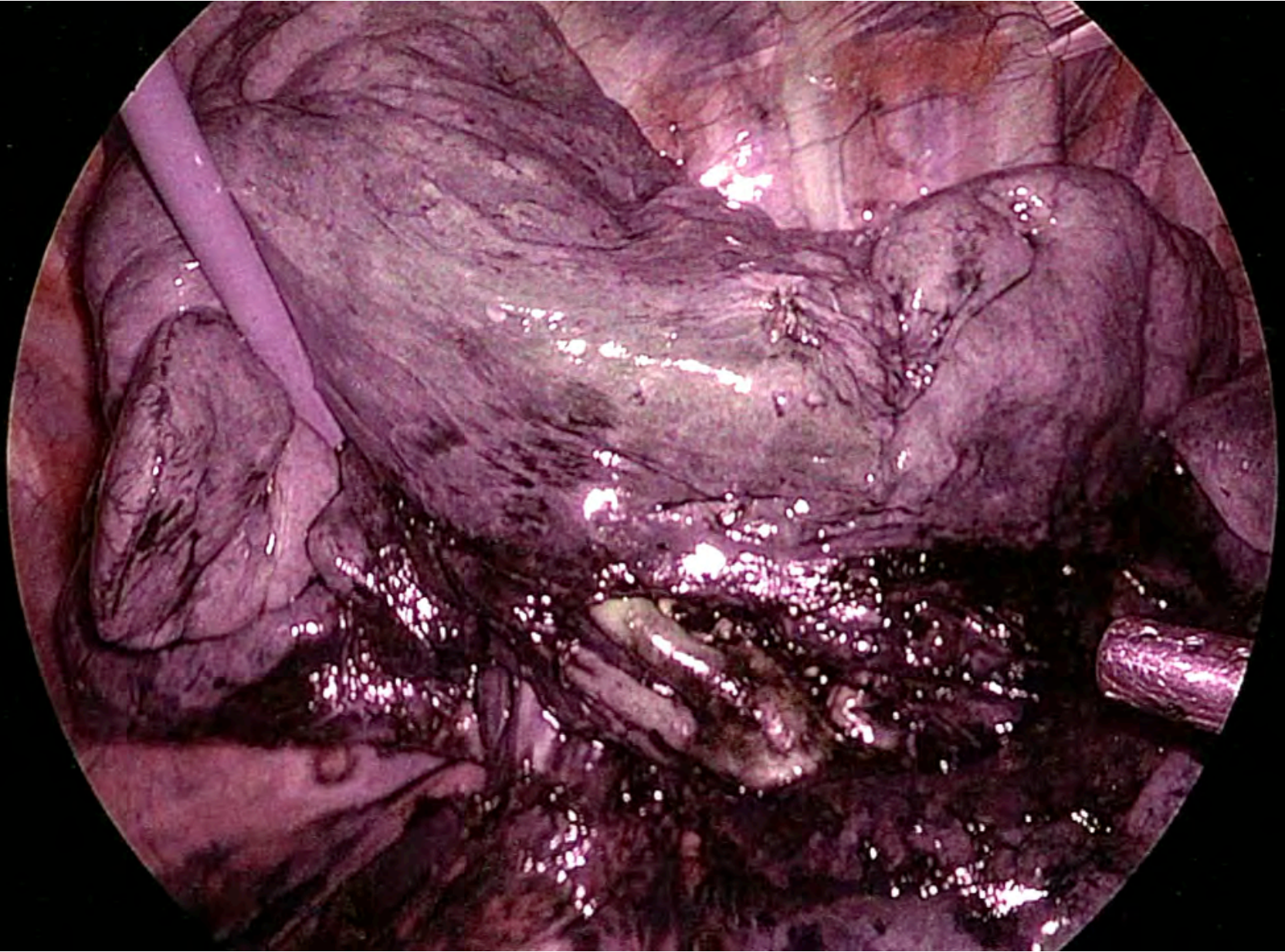
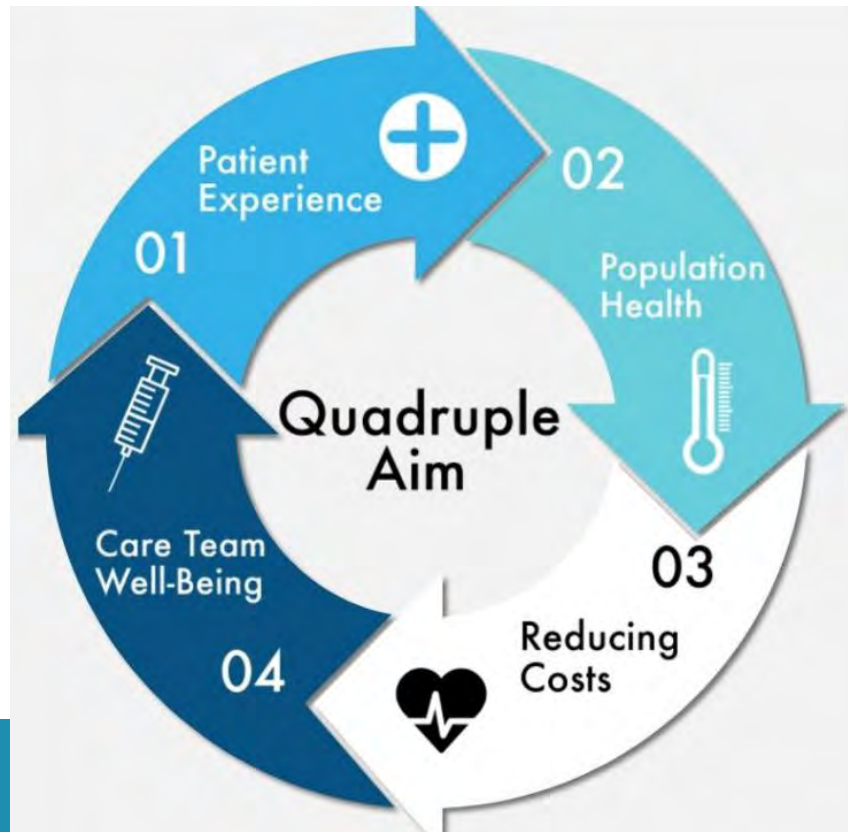


FIG. 8.—Left upper lobe (107 lobes demonstrated). All seen from behind.



Sleeve resection

- Uniportal Sleeve
- RATS Sleeve
- RATS Sleeve left main bronchus without parenchymal resection
- RATS ML sleeve



Uniportal vs RATS



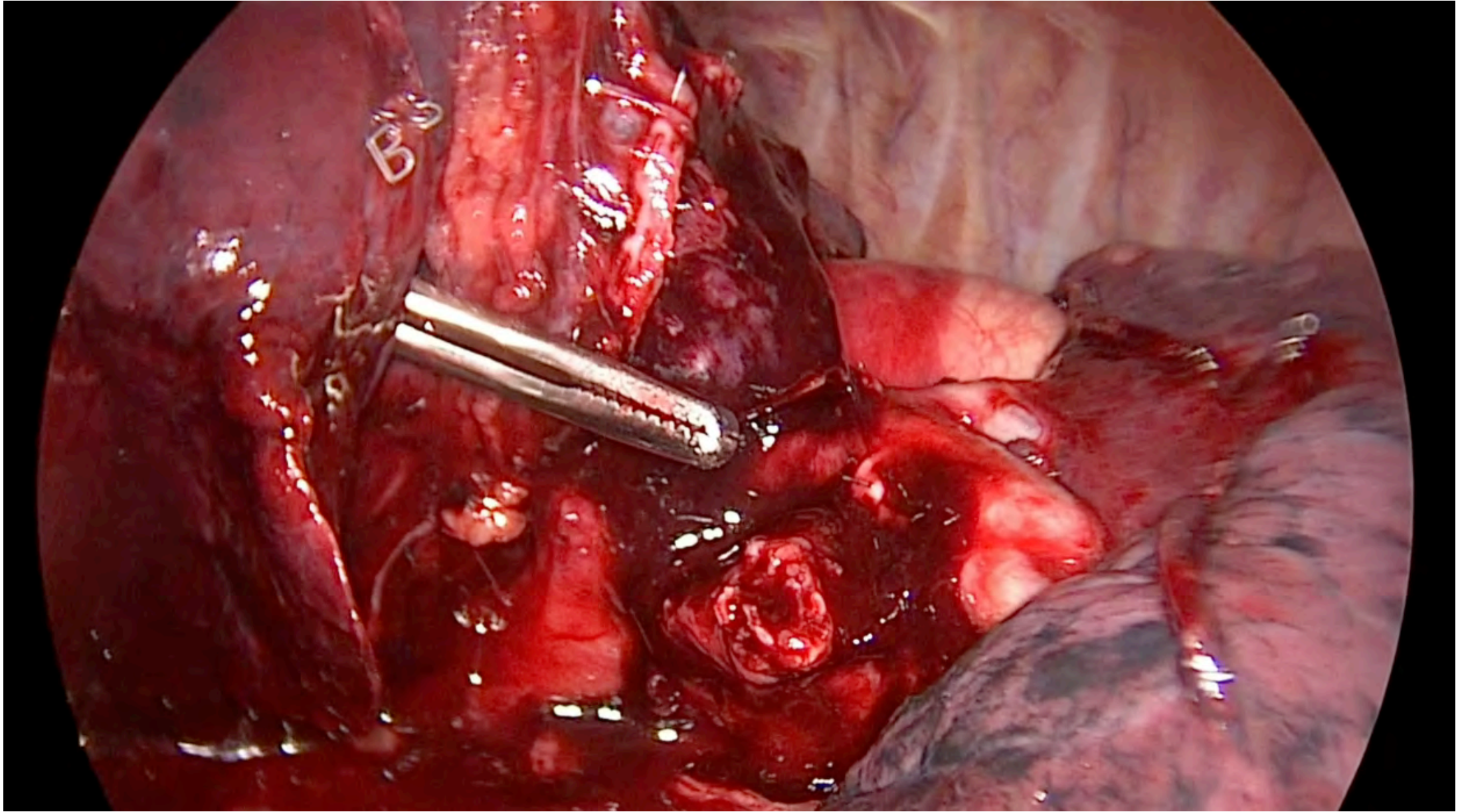
- Cheaper
- Faster *
- Only one port
- Enhanced recovery
- Less morphine (?)
- Close Patient contact – safety
- Allows hybrid procedures
- Modern dissector-sealer (ligasure -



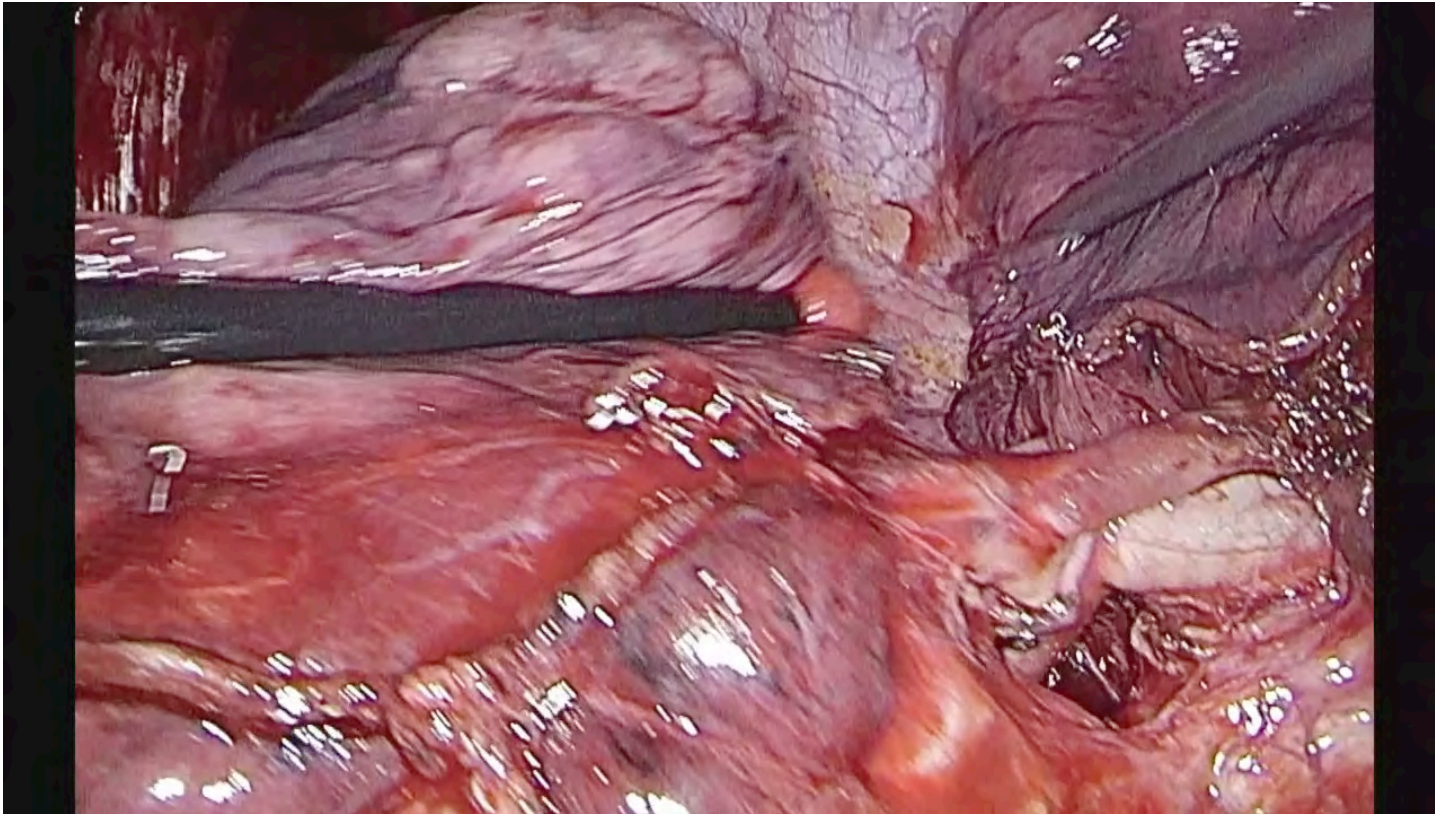
- More technically demanding *
- Less ergonomic *
- Suturing remains a pain *
- Stapler angle of attack is limited *
- Delicate dissection easier with robot *
- 'Advanced instrumentation' = suction in left hand – dissector right hand
- Some report better lymphadenectomy with robot *

* significantly operator and team dependent

Avoiding Major Complications



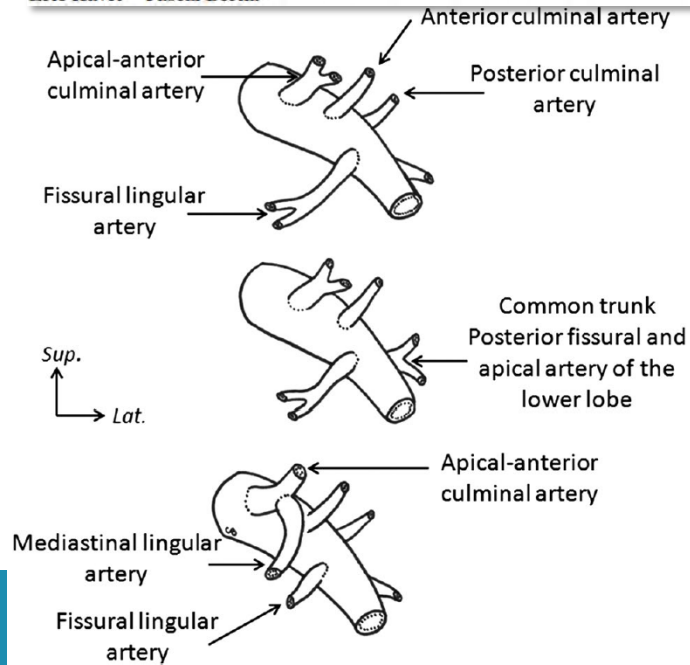
Basal artery from lingular artery



Pulmonary artery left upper lobe

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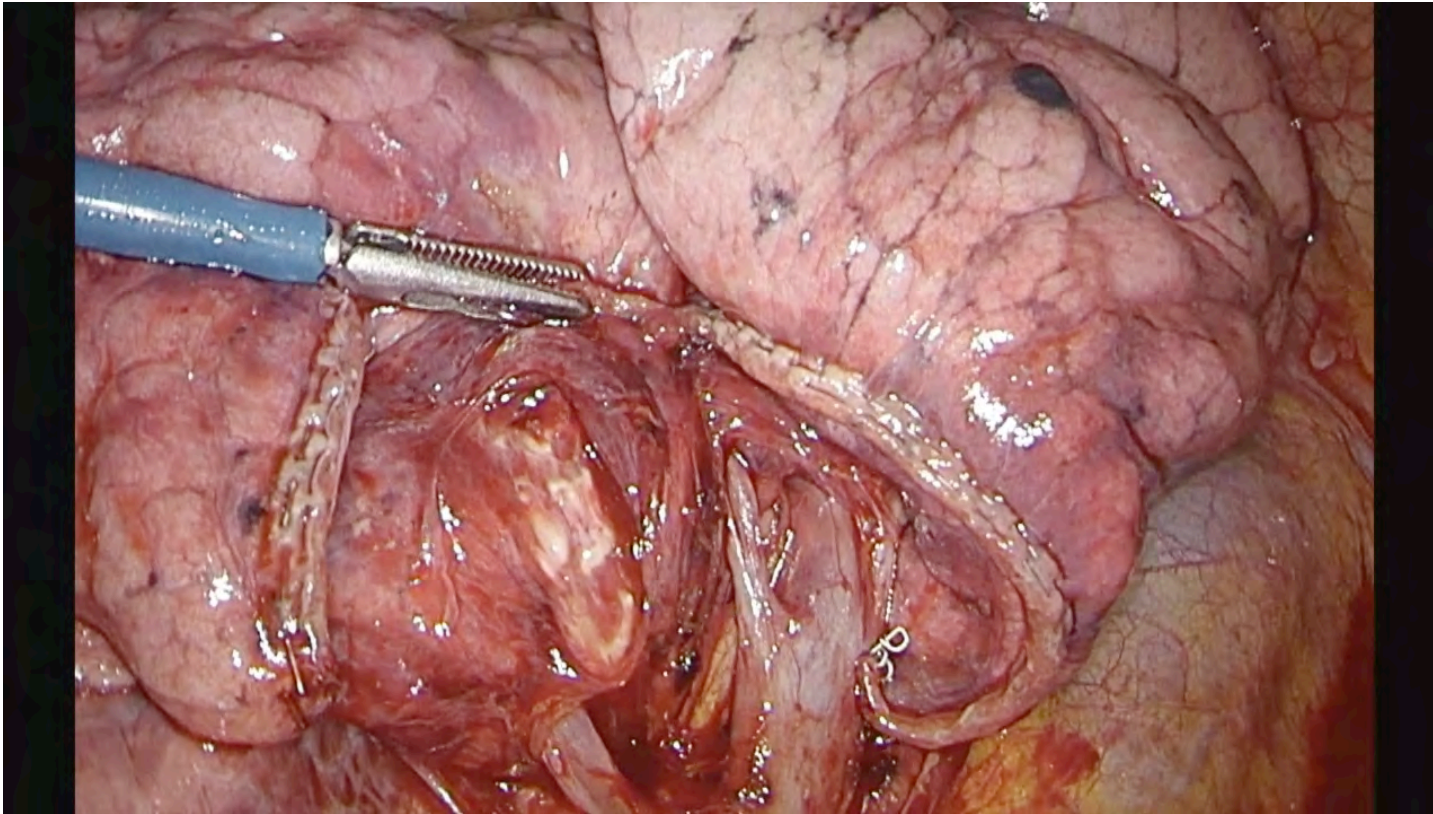
Potentially overlooked branches of the left pulmonary artery

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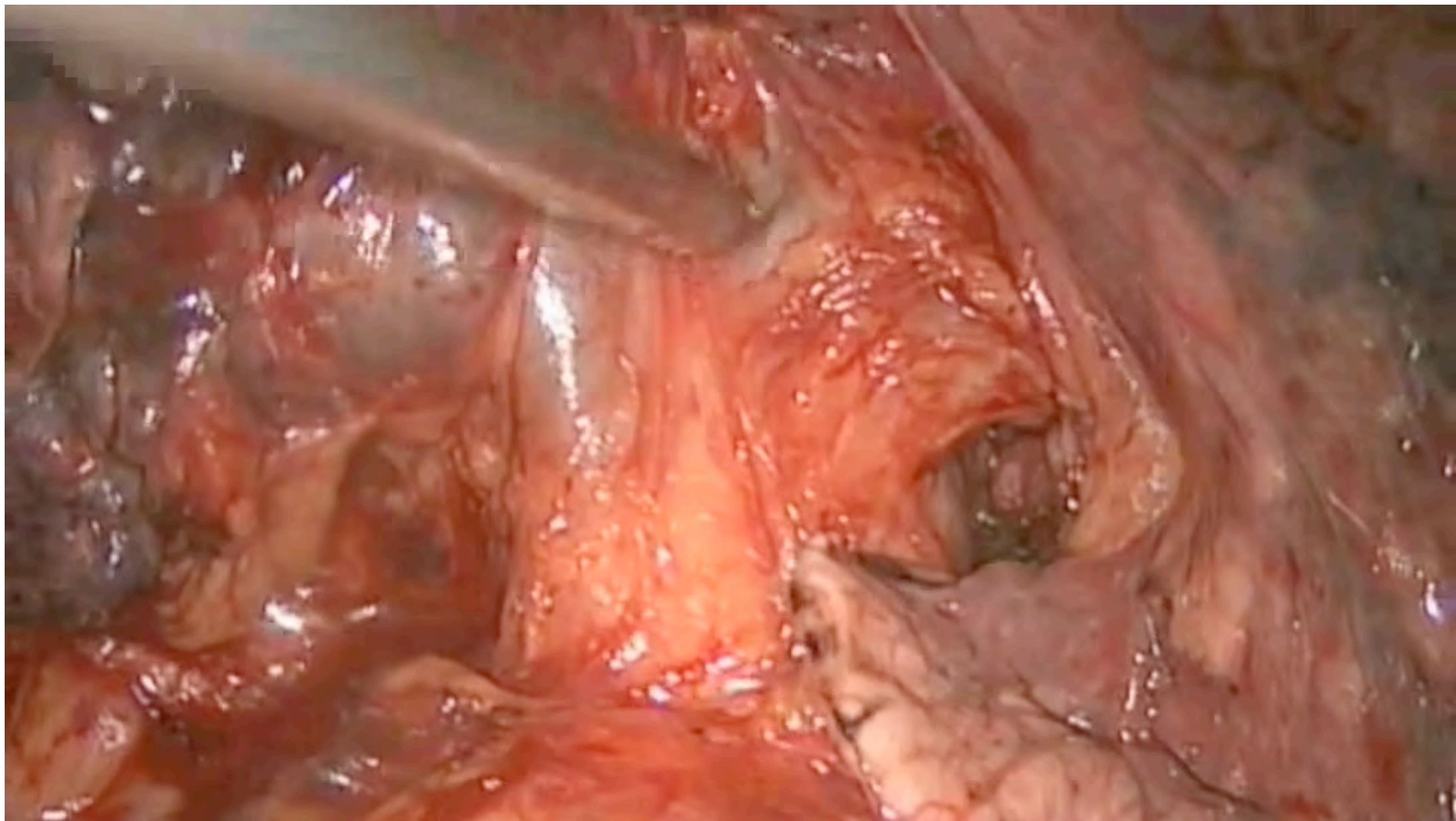
33% lingular artery
(partially) from mediastinal
artery

Middle lobe vein to upper lobe vein



Middle lobe artery from basal segm artery





Frequent anatomical variants:

- Early confluents of veins
- Middle lobe vein draining into lower vein
- A2 RUL vs A6 RLL
- Lingula artery from truncal artery
- Lingula artery from basal segmental artery
- Segment 6 bronchus more proximal than middle lobe bronchus



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Major intraoperative complications during video-assisted thoracoscopic anatomical lung resections: an intention-to-treat analysis[†]

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Major intraoperative complications



Overall: **1.5%** n=46/3076

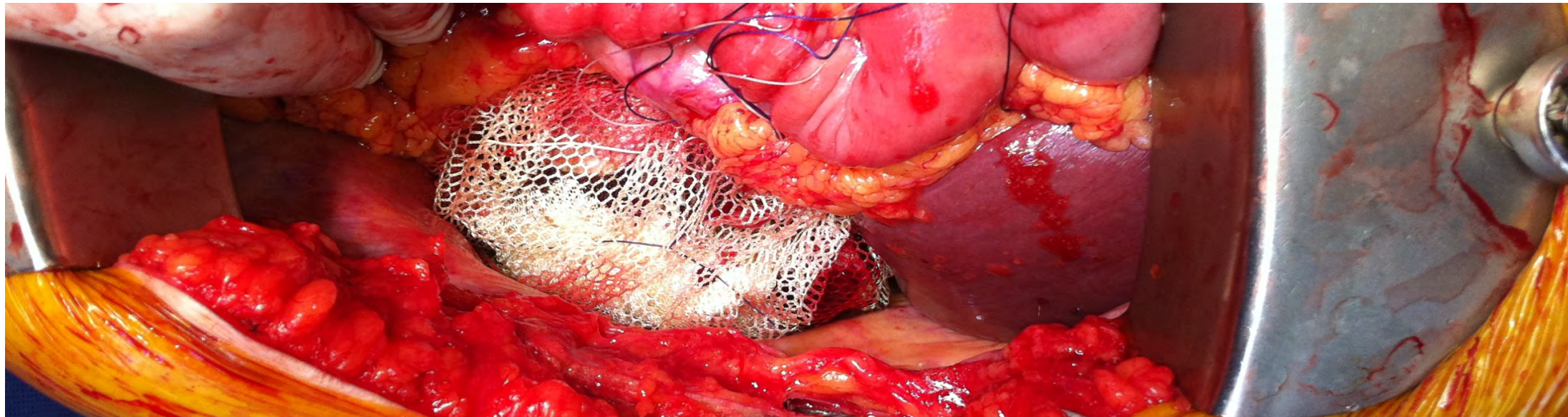
Erroneous transection of bronchovascular structure	n=9
Injury to GI organ	n=5
Injury to proximal airway	n=6
Complications requiring additional major surgery	n=9
Immediate life-threatening complications	n=17

Impact on outcome:

Additional anatomical resection (incl. 8 pneumonectomies)	n=18	
Overall in-hospital mortality	1.4%	n= 43/3076
of whom related to MIC	23%	n=10/43

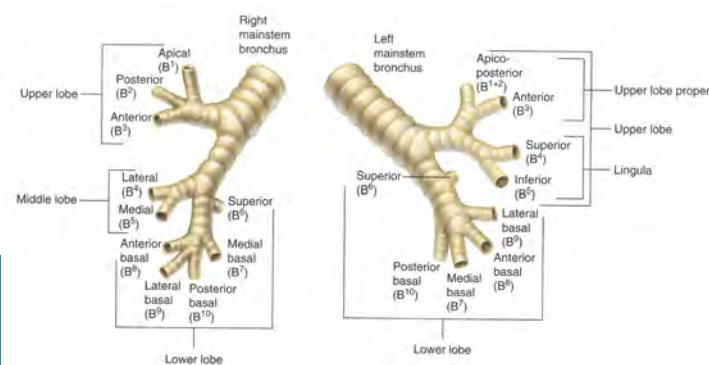
Injuries to GI organs (n=5)

- Esophageal perforation (n=4)
 - Stapled with posterior part of fissure (n=1)
 - Monopolar coagulation (delayed) (n=3)
- Spleen bleeding (n=1)



Injuries to proximal airway (n=6)

- DLT perforation (n=3)
 - Hyperinflation
 - DLT retracted with inflated balloon
 - Small scar at level balloon during subcarinal lymphadenectomy resulting in full tear
- Operative tear of intermediate bronchus (n=3)



Erroneous transection of bronchovascular structures (n=9)

Artery

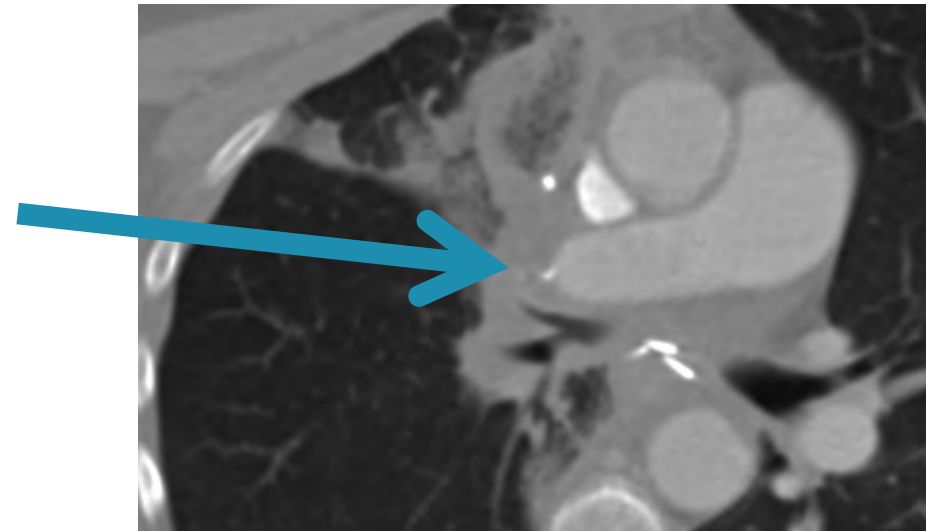
PA or lower part PA together with ULV
during right upper lobectomy (n=3)

Veins

- **Both veins** during left upper lobectomy (n=1)
- MLV with ULV (n=2)
- Transection of lingular vein during upper trisegmentectomy (n=1)

Bronchus

Intermediate bronchus instead of ULBr or LLBr
(n=2)



Immediately life threatening complications (n=17)

Ventricle fibrillation	(n=1)
Cardiac perforation	(n=1)
Bleeding >2l or only controllable by pneumonectomy	(n=15)

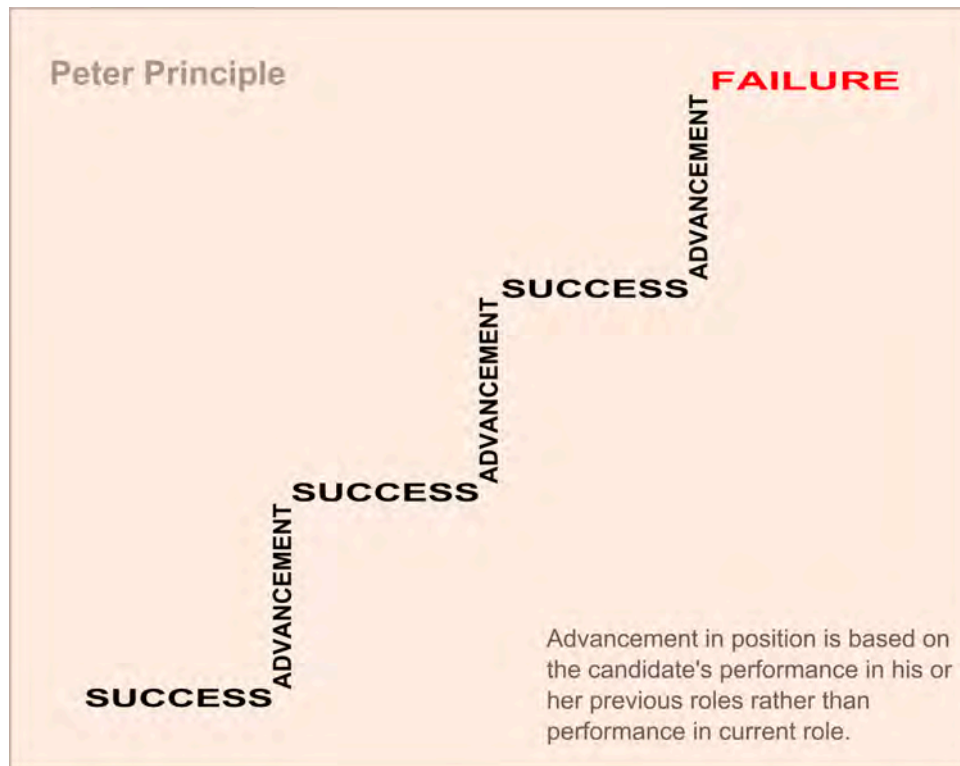
- Emergency pneumonectomies (n=5)
- Intraoperative deaths (n=3)
- Death in recovery (n=1)
- In-hospital mortality (n=6)
- 90D mortality (n=7)

	Major complication	M/F	Age	pSt	Planned resect.	Surg's exp	VATS index	Mechanism of complication contributing factors	Conv	Treatment	Add. resect.	Hosp stay	IHM	90DM
31	Cardiac perforation	F	75	IA	Segm	200+	0.4	CTh, Cardiac perf. trocar tip,	Yes	Cardiac surgeon ass, no repair possible	No	0	Yes	Yes
32	Sudden peroperative bleeding of more than 2 l or bleeding only controllable by emergency pneumonectomy	M	63	IIA	RUL	200+	0.8	Probably missed diagnosis PHT	Yes	PA ruptured when clamping (after conversion)	NA	0	Yes	Yes
33		F	63	IB	RUL	200+	0.8	CTh, probably missed diagnosis PHT	Yes	Repair, pneumonectomy	Yes	17	No	No
34		F	68	IIA	LLL	200+	0.8	Rupture PA stump in recovery, folded artery	No	Repair unsuccessful	No	0	Yes	Yes
35		F	78	IA	RUL	200+	0.8	Lesion A2, failed attempt at VATS suture	Yes	Clamp, repair, cardiac massage	No	0	Yes	Yes
36		F	54	IA	LUTS	101-200	0.3	Lesion A2, failed attempt at VATS suture	Yes	Clamp, repair	No	10	No	No
37		M	79	IA	LUL	51-100	0.6	Tear when stapling superior trunk PA	Yes	Clamp, repair	No	19	Yes	Yes
38		F	67	IA	RUM	0-50	0.6	Tear when stapling superior trunk PA	Yes	Clamp, repair (oncologic bilobectomy)	No	22	No	No
39		F	68	IB	RLL	200+	0.8	Lesion A2	Yes	Clamp, repair	No	5	No	No
40		M	62	IIB	RUL	200+	0.8	Lesion A2, liver cirrhosis, EF 40%, AAA	Yes	Clamp, repair	No	8	Yes	Yes
41		F	66	IB	RUL	200+	0.3	CTh, bleeding PA	Yes	Pneumonectomy	Yes	92	No	No
42	M	55	IIIA	RUL	0-50	0.6	Def CRT, bleeding PA	Yes	Pneumonectomy	Yes	12	No	No	
43	M	66	IIA	LLL	51-100	0.8	Fragile PA, infiltrating tumour and nodes	Yes	Pneumonectomy	Yes	15	No	No	
44	M	82	IA	LLL	200+	0.8	Unknown	Yes	Repair	No	22	No	Yes	
45	F	72	IIIA	LLL	200+	0.8	Lower lobe PA tear when applying stapler	Yes	Clamp, repair	No	10	No	No	
46	M	74	IIB	LUL	0-50	0.9	Fragile PA, infiltrating nodes	Yes	Pneumonectomy	Yes	18	No	No	

Multivariate logistic regression

		Non-oncologic Conversions		Major intraoperative complications	
		Odds ratio (95%CI)	P-value	Odds ratio (95%CI)	P-value
Surgical experience (10 surgeries)		0.976 (0.965;0.986)	<.0001	0.997 (0.983;1.012)	0.7299
Gender	Female	0.813 (0.568;1.163)	0.2563	1.488 (0.820;2.700)	0.1912
Age		1.013 (0.995;1.032)	0.1553	1.024 (0.993;1.057)	0.1287
Side	Left	0.706 (0.488;1.021)	0.0646	0.856 (0.467;1.570)	0.6159
Pathology			0.1751		0.9766
	Advanced tumor	3.058 (0.707;13.235)	0.1347	1.394 (0.168;11.574)	0.7585
	Early tumor	1.999 (0.479;8.343)	0.3418	1.522 (0.203;11.395)	0.6824
	Metastasis	1.913 (0.385;9.516)	0.4279	0.000 (0.000;19E254)	0.9682
	Benign	#	.	#	.
CTx or RTx	Yes	2.129 (1.089;4.162)	0.0271	4.631 (1.859;11.536)	0.0010

Beyond the LC... the Generalized Peter Principle?



“selection of a candidate for a position is based on the candidate's performance in their current role, rather than on abilities relevant to the intended role”

"managers rise to the level of their incompetence”

Generalized:

“Anything that works will be used in progressively more challenging applications until it fails”

Major Bleeding 0.5%

(emergency pneumonectomy or sudden bloodloss > 2L)



median VATS index

Major bleeding n=16 0.82 (IQR 0.57–0.83)

No bleeding n=3050 0.62 (IQR 0.34–0.83) p = 0.0085

“ Risk of major bleeding rose when surgeons were less selective and more willing to start major operations by VATS ”

Convert to Thoracotomy

No view

Doubt concerning indication for vats pneumonectomy

'Complex sleeve'

T4 reaching into atrium, caval v, proximal a

Fibrosis pulmonary artery, need for central control

(E.g. post extensive mediastinoscopy 10R – truncus anterior adherent to RUL bronchus)

Doubt concerning completeness of resection

Incomplete lymph node dissection

(e.g. post radiotherapy)

Impossible single lung ventilation

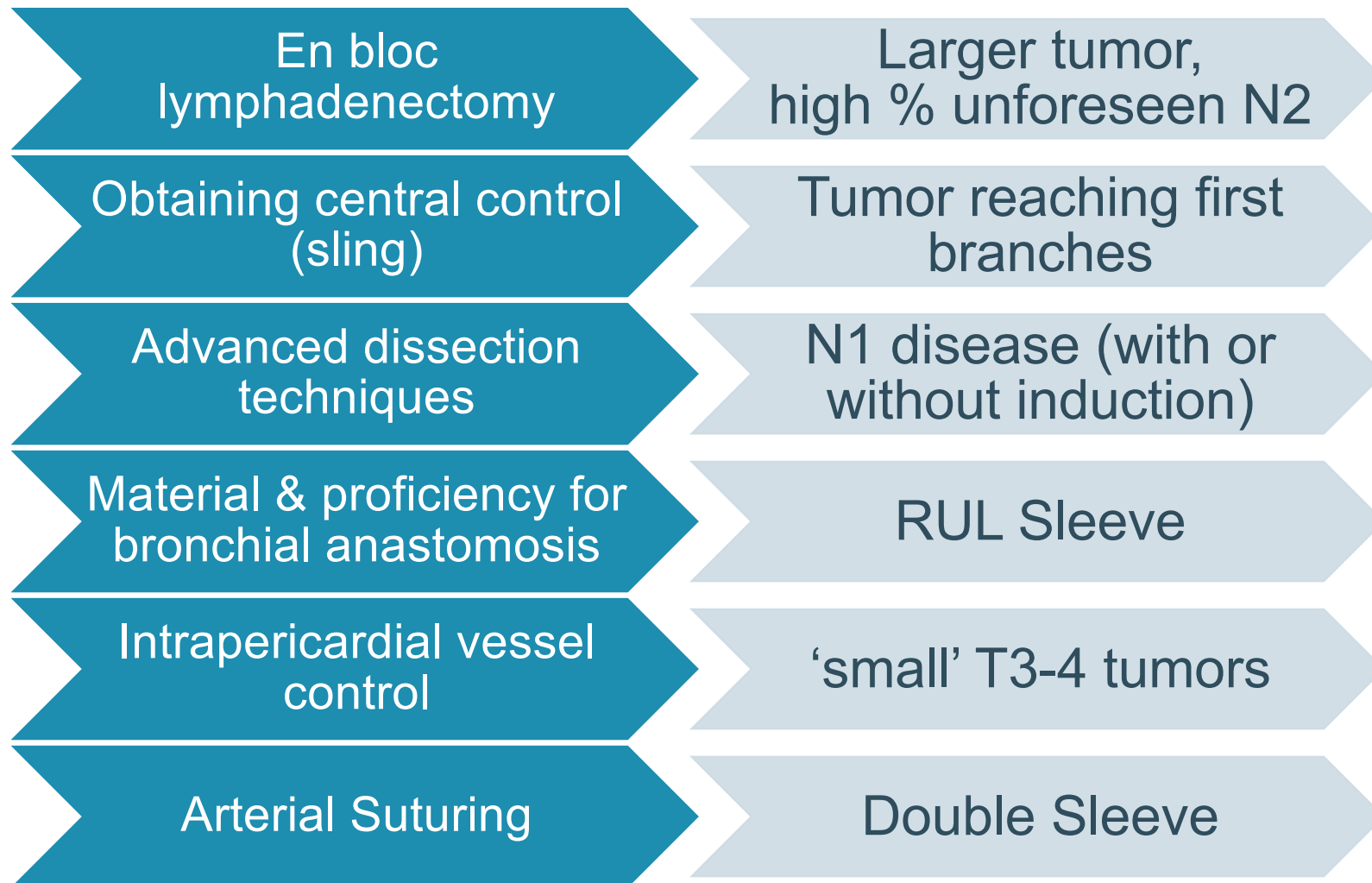
(especially after transection of the vein)

Uncontrollable bleeding

Failure to progress

Size of lesion necessitates thoracotomy





Enhanced Recovery Program

ERAS

REVIEW



A surgical perspective of ERAS guidelines
in thoracic surgery

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- Enhanced recovery after surgery (ERAS) pathways were initially developed in colorectal surgery
- **Multimodal** protocols target **the entire patient pathway** from referral through to discharge.
- **Multiple small improvements** and efficiencies are adopted in an evidence-based manner by a multidisciplinary team.
- Individual care elements may not necessarily have significant benefits when studied in isolation, but their combination with other elements of the pathway is thought to have a **synergistic effect** [1]

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Table 1: Guidelines for enhanced recovery after lung surgery: recommendations of the ERAS Society and the ESTS

Recommendations	Evidence level	Recommendation grade
Preoperative phase		
Preadmission information, education and counselling		
Patients should routinely receive dedicated preoperative counselling	Low	Strong
Perioperative nutrition		
Patients should be screened preoperatively for nutritional status and weight loss	High	Strong
Oral nutritional supplements should be given to malnourished patients	Moderate	Strong
Immune-enhancing nutrition may have a role in the malnourished patient postoperatively	Low	Weak
Smoking cessation		
Smoking should be stopped at least 4 weeks before surgery	High	Strong
Alcohol dependency management		
Alcohol consumption (in alcohol abusers) should be avoided for at least 4 weeks before surgery	Moderate	Strong
Anaemia management		
Anaemia should be identified, investigated and corrected preoperatively	High	Strong
Pulmonary rehabilitation and prehabilitation		
Prehabilitation should be considered for patients with borderline lung function or exercise capacity	Low	Strong
Pre-admission		
Preoperative fasting and carbohydrate treatment		
Clear fluids should be allowed up until 2 h before the induction of anaesthesia and solids until 6 h before induction of anaesthesia	High	Strong
Oral carbohydrate loading reduces postoperative insulin resistance and should be used routinely	Low	Strong
Preanaesthetic medication		
Routine administration of sedatives to reduce anxiety preoperatively should be avoided	Moderate	Strong
Intraoperative phase		
Venous thromboembolism prophylaxis		
Patients undergoing major lung resection should be treated with pharmacological and mechanical VTE prophylaxis	Moderate	Strong
Patients at high risk of VTE may be considered for extended prophylaxis with LMWH for up to 4 weeks	Low	Weak
Antibiotic prophylaxis and skin preparation		
Routine intravenous antibiotics should be administered within 60 min of, but prior to, the skin incision	High	Strong
Hair clipping is recommended if hair removal is required	High	Strong
Chlorhexidine-alcohol is preferred to povidone-iodine solution for skin preparation	High	Strong
Preventing intraoperative hypothermia		
Maintenance of normothermia with convective active warming devices should be used perioperatively	High	Strong
Continuous measurement of core temperature for efficacy and compliance is recommended	High	Strong
Standard anaesthetic protocol		
Lung-protective strategies should be used during one-lung ventilation	Moderate	Strong
A combination of regional and general anaesthetic techniques should be used	Low	Strong
Short-acting volatile or intravenous anaesthetics, or their combination, are equivalent choices	Low	Strong
PONV control		
Non-pharmacological measures to decrease the baseline risk of PONV should be used in all patients	High	Strong
A multimodal pharmacological approach for PONV prophylaxis is indicated in patients at moderate risk or high risk	Moderate	Strong
Regional anaesthesia and pain relief		
Regional anaesthesia is recommended with the aim of reducing postoperative opioid use. Paravertebral blockade provides equivalent analgesia to epidural anaesthesia	High	Strong
A combination of acetaminophen and NSAIDs should be administered regularly to all patients unless contraindications exist	High	Strong
Ketamine should be considered for patients with pre-existing chronic pain	Moderate	Strong
Dexamethasone may be administered to prevent PONV and reduce pain	Low	Strong
Perioperative fluid management		
Very restrictive or liberal fluid regimes should be avoided in favour of euolemia	Moderate	Strong
Balanced crystalloids are the intravenous fluid of choice and are preferred to 0.9% saline	High	Strong
Intravenous fluids should be discontinued as soon as possible and replaced with oral fluids and diet	Moderate	Strong
Atrial fibrillation prevention		
Patients taking β-blockers preoperatively should continue to take them in the postoperative period	High	Strong
Magnesium supplementation may be considered in magnesium deplete patients	Low	Weak
It is reasonable to administer diltiazem preoperatively or amiodarone postoperatively for patients at risk	Moderate	Weak
Surgical technique: thoracotomy		
If a thoracotomy is required, a muscle-sparing technique should be performed	Moderate	Strong

Continued

Table 1: Continued

Recommendations	Evidence level	Recommendation grade
Intercostal muscle- and nerve-sparing techniques are recommended	Moderate	Strong
Reapproximation of the ribs during thoracotomy closure should spare the inferior intercostal nerve	Moderate	Strong
Surgical technique: minimally invasive surgery		
A VATS approach for lung resection is recommended for early-stage lung cancer	High	Strong
Postoperative phase		
Chest drain management		
The routine application of external suction should be avoided	Low	Strong
Digital drainage systems reduce variability in decision-making and should be used	Low	Strong
Chest tubes should be removed even if the daily serous effusion is of high volume (up to 450 ml/24 h)	Moderate	Strong
A single tube should be used instead of 2 after anatomical lung resection	Moderate	Strong
Urinary drainage		
In patients with normal preoperative renal function, a transurethral catheter should not be routinely placed for the sole purpose of monitoring urine output	Moderate	Strong
It is reasonable to place a transurethral catheter in patients with thoracic epidural anaesthesia	Low	Strong
Early mobilization and adjuncts to physiotherapy		
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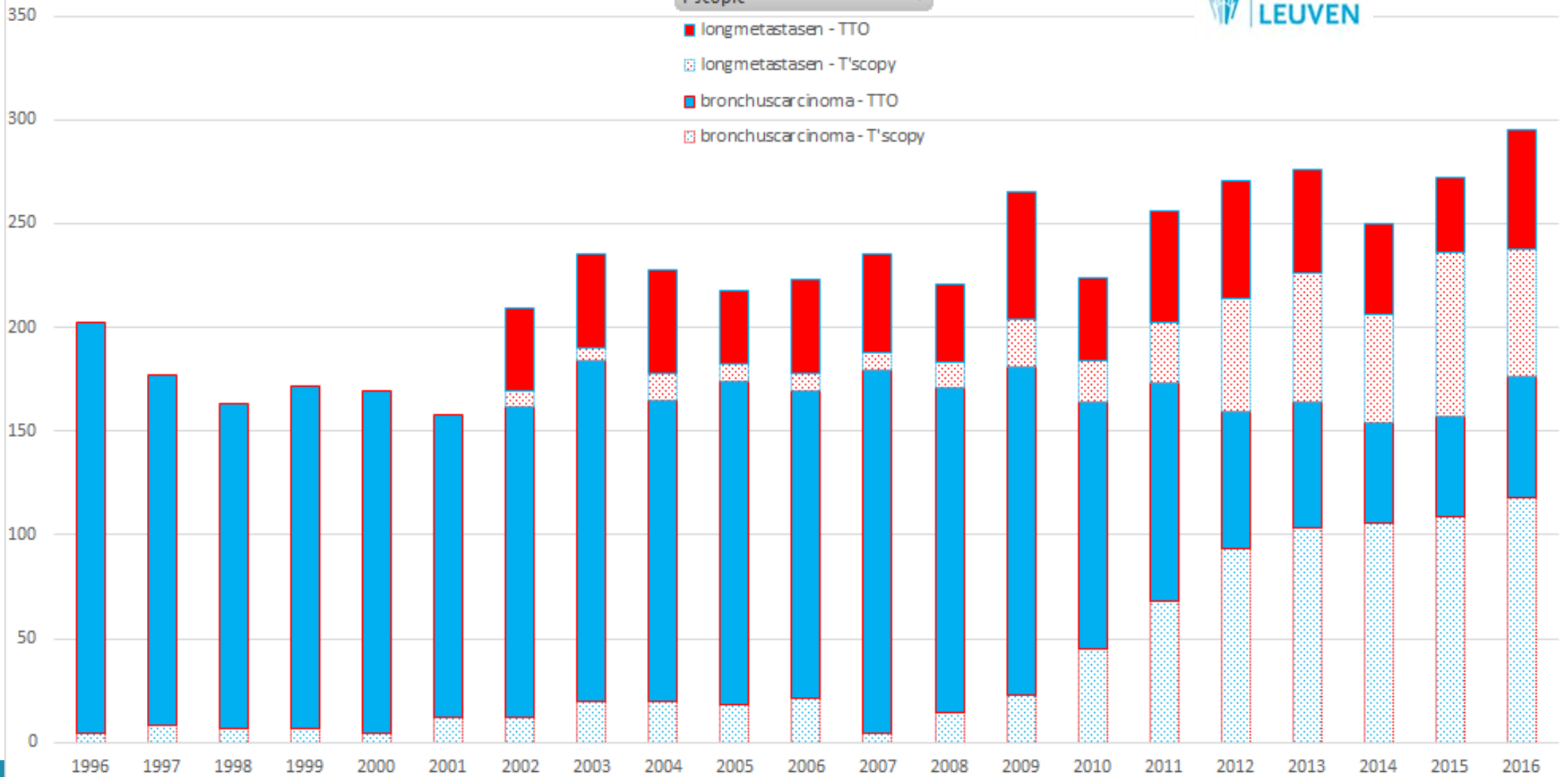
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- Tranquilizers
- Central IV lines
- Suction on T Tube
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- PCEA ?
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July 2010 - July 2016

290 lobectomies

Ambulation Results

- 197 patients walked within 1 hour (68%)
- 239 patients walked >250 feet (82%)
- 175 patients walked >250 feet within 1 hour (60%)
- 5 patients just couldn't walk in PACU (1.7%)
- No adverse events

Inova Outcomes

- Readmission - 4.8%
- Atrial Arrhythmia - 4.1%
- Pneumonia - 1%
- Airleak >5days - 6.6%
- DVT - 0.7%
- ARF - 0.3%
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- Stroke, MI, Death - 0%
- Median/Mean LOS - 1/1.6 days

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Walking to the
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