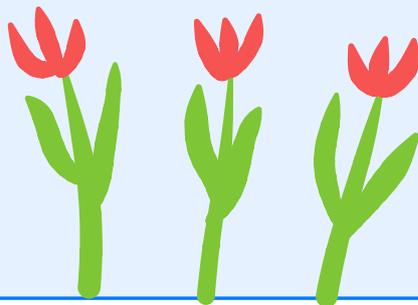


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# Abdominal Trauma

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# ABDOMINAL TRAUMA



## \* Peritoneal organs

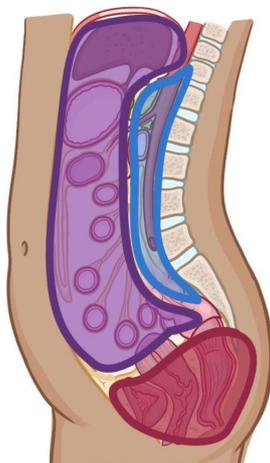
\* **Intra peritoneal organs** → divided into 3 (stab wounds) *بالتقسيم إلى 3 مناطق*:  
 → intra-thoracic abdomen (above costal margin line)  
 → pelvic abdome (above 2 ASIS)  
 → abdominal proper (in between) ↑↑

\* **retro peritoneal organs** → No clinical abdominal sign, retroabdominal hemorrhage can cause shock without signs of bleeding (it accommodate alot of blood) hold up to 4 liters  
 \* injury in each division not the same \* ↷

### INTRAPERITONEAL COMPLETELY COVERED with VISCERAL PERITONEUM

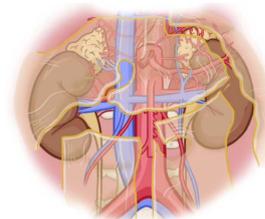


- \* STOMACH
- \* 1<sup>st</sup> PART DUODENUM
- \* JEJUNUM
- \* ILEUM
- \* TRANSVERSE COLON
- \* SIGMOID COLON
- \* LIVER
- \* SPLEEN



### RETROPERITONEAL PARTIALLY COVERED with PERITONEUM

- \* KIDNEYS
- \* URETERS
- \* SUPRARENAL GLANDS
- \* RECTUM

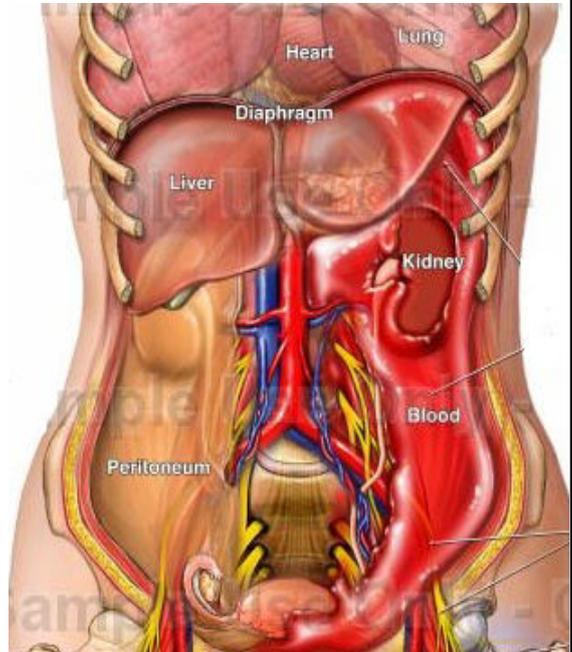


# Surgical anatomy & physiology

\* Injury to abdominal organs, especially those in the retroperitoneal space, when bleed the space can hold a great deal of blood, up to four liters.

\* Solid organs, such as the liver and spleen bleed profusely as do the major abdominal blood vessels, the aorta and vena cava.

\* Injury to hollow presents a serious risk of infection, especially if there is a delay in diagnosis



## Introduction

- (1) head
- (2) chest
- (3) abdominal

1. Road traffic accidents is the **main cause** of abdominal trauma in the civilian population
2. Abdominal injuries **rank third** as a cause of traumatic death after head and chest injuries
3. The **primary cause** of death in abdominal trauma is hemorrhage and sepsis after 48 hours

## Types of abdominal trauma

1. **Blunt abdominal trauma** is the most common injury pattern with RTA accounting for approximately **75%**. *most common*

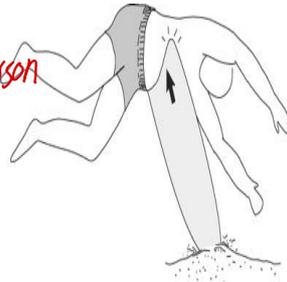
**a. vehicular trauma**

a. auto to auto *Car with Car*

b. auto to pedestrian *car with Person*

**b. Direct blow to the abdomen**

**c. Fall from a height**



## 2. Penetrating abdominal trauma

**a. low & high velocity missiles**

Sometimes , the trauma is asymptomatic  
vitals : pulse , pressure لذلك يتقدر نكتشف عنها عن طريق ال

**b. stabs:**

knives, ice picks, industrial implement

## Mechanism of injury\_

### In blunt abdominal trauma :

**1. Deceleration :** توقف فجائي أو تسريع فجائي

The differential movement among adjacent structures especially at relatively fixed points of attachment such as the ligament of Treitz, the ileocecal valve, and the phrenocolic ligament.

**2. Compression with crush :**

when intra-abdominal contents are crushed between the anterior abdominal wall and the vertebral column or posterior thoracic cage

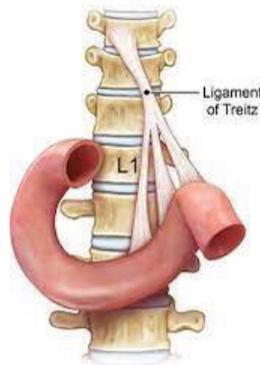
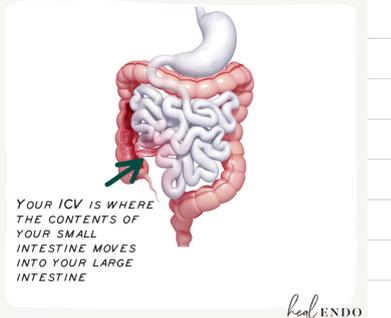
## mechanism of blunt: 3 mechanisms

1. deceleration: injury in partially mobile (partially fixed) eg: Ligament of Treitz, duodeno-jejunal Junction  
 (معتدل يتحرك، وانما بعد ثابته)  
 (وضع من) acceleration

2. compression with crush

3. Compression with crush rupture: Rupture of the sphincter: ileocecal valve

### Meet your ileocecal valve (ICV)



\* if the sphincter closed & this crush was proximal or distal to it & there is gas in the abdomen will ↑ intraluminal pressure

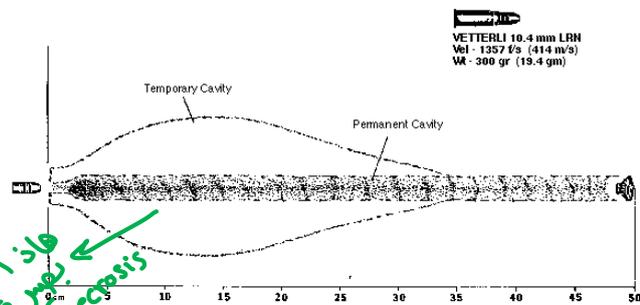
→ Rupture

② Pylorus

## The mechanism in penetrating abdominal trauma

1. Mechanical disruption of tissue along the path of stab or bullet passage.

2. In high missile injuries:



1.  $KE = 1/2 M (v_1 - v_2)$

2. Cavitation within solid organs result in shattering

3. The colon less tolerable to high velocity missile than small bowel because of its fecal content.

## Kinetic Energy

Kinetic energy is the energy that objects possess due to their motion.

$$KE = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$$

$m$  = mass (kg)

$v$  = velocity (m/s)

KE = Kinetic energy (J)

\* Hollow viscous tolerate the KE  
(bone, kidney) solid organ لا تحتمل

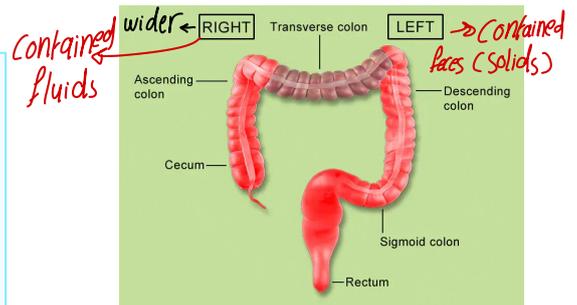
$\uparrow m$   $\uparrow KE$  :

cavitation phenomenon

(intolerance : solid organs)

\* (left or right colon ?) imp. MCR \*

Pulse wave can be tolerated less with left colon  
& more with Right colon



Less tolerate ← solid organs لا تحتمل معادن (left colon) وليست \*

## Abdominal Assessment

- Inspection
- Auscultation
- Percussion
- Palpation



## Assessment in blunt trauma

### Motor vehicle accident

#### History:

type of collision, extent of vehicular damage,

b. status of other passengers, dead person

c. patient position in vehicle, belted

d. A record of hypotension reading by pre-hosp. team

#### \*Fall

- height

- the site

## The assessment in penetrating injury:

### History

-Time

- Type of weapon, knife, hand gun, shot  
gun.

-length of knife

-no. of stabs, no. of shot fired

# Clinical evaluation in blunt trauma

## INSPECTION

- fully exposed patient
- Echymotic area ,abrasion
- steering wheel shaped contusion,
- seat belt sign : indicates intra-abdominal injury in about one third of patients.
- skin discoloration
- abdominal distension



## INSPECTION



Seat belt sign:  
intra-abdominal injury  
in 1/3 of patients  
retroperitoneal bleeding  
(very severe pressure)  
from outside



retroperitoneal  
Trauma  
hemorrhage



- The person **inside the moving car** acquires the same velocity of the car :
  - ♣ If he is not wearing the seat belt , his body strike the car .
  - ♣ If he is wearing the seat belt → seat belt injuries ( skin mark, fracture clavicle , thoracic or abdominal injuries ).



## IN PENTRATING ABD.INJURY

Any wound in The boundries of the abdomen considered as apotential abdominal injury

- \* Where there is a possibility of intrabdominal injury ?
- from 5<sup>th</sup> ICS to the groin crease anteriorly
  - from 5<sup>th</sup> ICS to inferior gluteal crease Posteriorly



# PALPATION

Pelvic compression (instability) : if pain + movement (fracture)

1. Haemodynamic instability.
2. Signs of peritoneal irritation: gaurdining, rigidity tenderness, rebound.
3. Crepitus at lower thoracic cage
4. Pelvic instability *if Painful there is a fracture*
5. Abdominal distension
6. Evisceration
7. Per digital rectal exam.

## □ Check stability of pelvis (DON'T REPEAT)

- 1) Apply gentle **medial pressure** with palms by pressing inward on iliac crests
- 2) With patient supine, apply gentle **posterior pressure** by pressing downward on iliac crests
- 3) Apply gentle downward **pressure on pubis** to check pelvic ring stability



Medial pressure (1)



Posterior iliac pressure (2)



Posterior pubis pressure (3)

## Signs of pelvic instability :

- **Deformity** of lower limb .
- Yielding pelvis by **manual stress examination** .
- Palpable **displacement** in the posterior ring ( always exam. the back ).

## Diagnostic aids for evaluation كسبان نبض التنوير

← لأن ترا فتح المرئ "مشكلة"

1. repeated "serial" physical exam. → prevented "false + , false -"
2. local wound exploration → important in crimes & forensic med.  
(مخرج نازح أو نزول + إصابة كبد) ← كقولهم قتلت
3. Ultra sound "FAST"
4. CT. abdomen → focused Abdominal Sonography Trauma

CT of the abdomen is the preferred diagnostic examination for the evaluation of blunt abdominal trauma in the hemodynamically stable patient .

5. Diagnostic peritoneal lavage

### Focused assessment with sonography for trauma (FAST)

looks for fluid in the perihepatic and hepatorenal space, the perisplenic area, the pelvis and the pericardium. It has a role in children but it does not detect solid organ injuries nor replace CT

Nowadays , this included in the primary survey to identify pneumothorax , haemothorax , pericardial tamponade, and free fluid in the abdomen

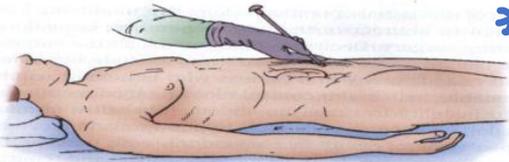
## Diagnostic peritoneal lavage

To find out if there is blood in the peritoneal cavity to suspect a bleeding and to find if there is any injury to the intestine

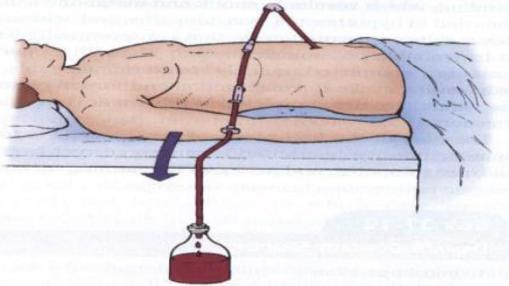
The procedure is still performed when alternative diagnostic methods such as computerized tomography (CT) or ultrasound imaging are unavailable

## INDICATIONS FOR DPL

1. Equivocal clinical examination
2. Difficulty in assessing patient.
3. Persistent hypotension despite adequate resuscitation
4. Multiple injuries



\* if we don't have computer or CT  
→ we use Lavage



test used to assess the presence of blood in the abdomen. A gastric tube is placed to empty the stomach

Fig. 37-14 Diagnostic peritoneal lavage (DPL) can exclude or confirm the presence of intraabdominal injury with a high accuracy rate.

A cannula is inserted in Linda alba below the umbilicus, directed caudally and posteriorly (near to the umbilicus) to be away from urinary bladder. The cannula is aspirated for blood

DPL is especially useful if FAST is not available or unreliable and in the hypotensive, alcoholic patient or take drugs, unstable patient with multiple injuries as a means of excluding intra-abdominal bleeding.

\* blood > 5-10 cc

\* if we didn't find blood in abdomen, but we still doubt presence of blood; we do (irrigation)?

→ by irrigate it, by filling abdomen with normal saline  $\approx$  500 cc

→ Then we see if there is blood in fluid, & we verify this by?

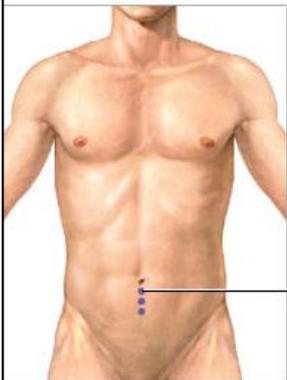
Positive diagnostic Peritoneal Lavage:

① RBCs > 100,000 cells/ml

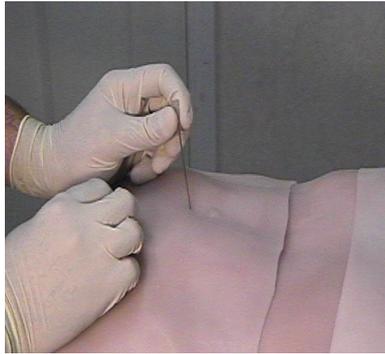
② WBCs > 500 cells/ml

③ Amylase & Alkaline phosphatase

# DPL Technique

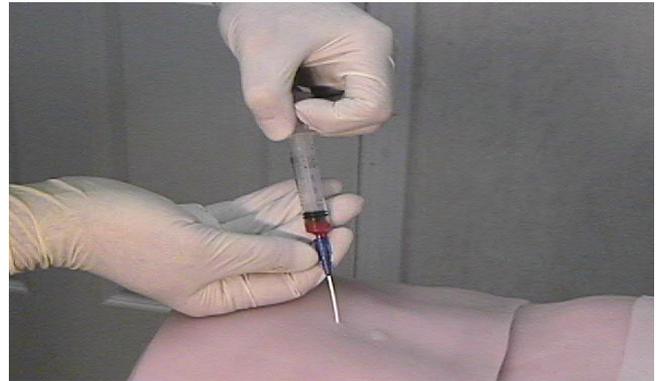


Incision



Saline is introduced into the abdomen through the incision

ADAM.



## Positive signs in DPL

1.  $> 5\text{mls}$  of blood aspirated before fluid is infused.
2. Bloody irrigated fluid
3. the presence of bile,
4. enteric contents.
5. Hematological & biochemical tests for the aspirated fluid:
  - a.  $\text{RBC} > 100,000/\text{cmm}$
  - b.  $\text{WBC} > 500 /\text{cmm}$
  - c.  $\text{Amylase} > 175 \text{ units}$

# Organs injury

## The Spleen

### CLINICAL ASPECTS OF SPLENIC RUPTURE

#### Symptoms:

- May be painless, or LUQ/diffuse abd pain.
- referred L shoulder pain in splenic laceration: **Kehr's sign**
- Syncopy due to hypotension.

#### Signs

- Physical examination is insensitive and non specific.
- Pt may have signs of Lt upper quadrant tenderness or signs of generalized peritoneal irritation.
- May present with tachycardia ,tachypnea, hypotension or shock

## Plain radiographic findings in splenic injury:

1. left lower rib fracture
2. left hemidiaphragm elevation
3. left lower lobe atelectasis,
4. Left pleural effusion
5. medial displacement of the gastric bubble
6. inferior displacement of the splenic flexure gas pattern.

## SPLENIC ORGAN INJURY SCALING

\* يقيّم عليها نوع ال Treatment

grading

- I – subcapsular hematoma <10% of surface. Laceration < 1cm deep.
- II – subcapsular hematoma 10-50% of surface. Laceration 1-3 cm deep.
- III – subcapsular hematoma >50% of surface or expanding. > 3 cm parenchymal depth.
- IV – Laceration > 25 % of spleen or laceration involving the hilum..
- V – completely shattered spleen or hilar vessel injury with devascularization.

• grade 1,2,3 → don't operate but still depends on evaluation  
(can be treated conservatively)

• grade 4,5 → can be treated operatively (usually surgery)

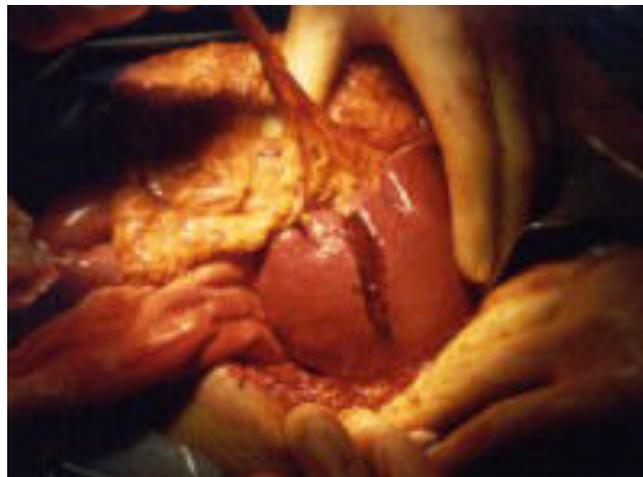
a. splenic preservation → splenorrhaphy  
(conservative) → partial splenectomy

\* conservative surgery → open the abdomen without remove the spleen ?

Try to keep function of spleen ←

b. splenectomy → should be vaccinated  
"overwhelming abscess"

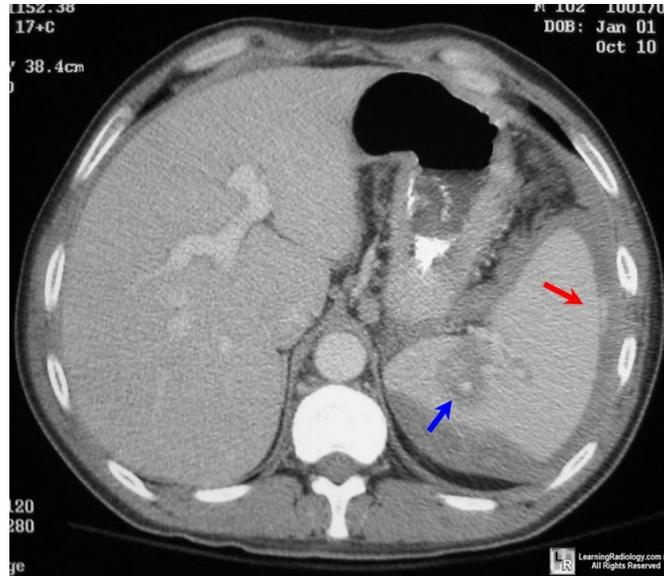
## Splenic injury



**Grade II**

# Splenic injury

## Grade IV



## Management options in splenic injury

### 1. Conservative –Observation

- may followed by a selective splenic artery embolization

### 2. Surgery → اكي مريض بشيها مسرعي لازم يولاه

#### a. Splenic <sup>vaccine</sup> preservation

- splenorrhaphy
- partial splenectomy

#### b. splenectomy

# Liver injury



## Symptoms of a liver injury

right upper quadrant pain, increase with deep breathing.  
nausea or vomiting, tachycardia and fainting,

## Physical examination :

tenderness to palpation in the right upper quadrant of the abdomen. Abnormalities of blood pressure and pulse will be noted (low blood pressure and pulse over 100).

## Liver injury scale

**Grade I:** Sub capsular hematoma < 10% of surface area, non expanding.

Laceration < 1cm parenchymal depth, non bleeding.

**Grade II:** Sub capsular hematoma 10-50%

parenchymal Laceration 1-3 in depth, <10 cm in length.

**Grade III:** Sub capsular hematoma >50 %

3 cm parenchymal depth.

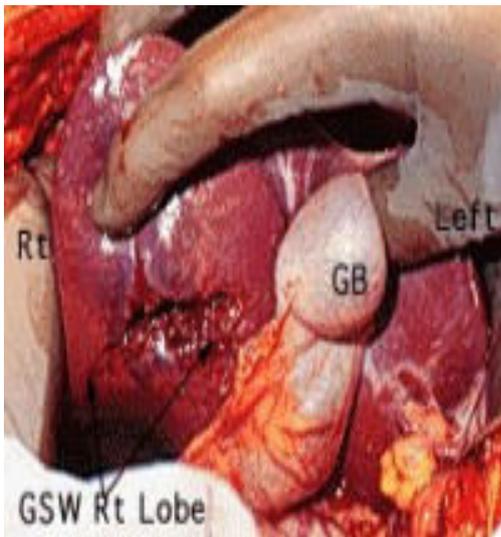
**Grade IV:** Ruptured intra parenchymal hematoma with active bleeding.

Parenchymal disruption involving 25-50% of hepatic lobe.

**Grade V:** Parenchymal disruption >50% of hepatic lobe

Vascular injuries :hepatic veins, inf. Vena cava.

## Liver injury



**Grade II**



**Grade IV**

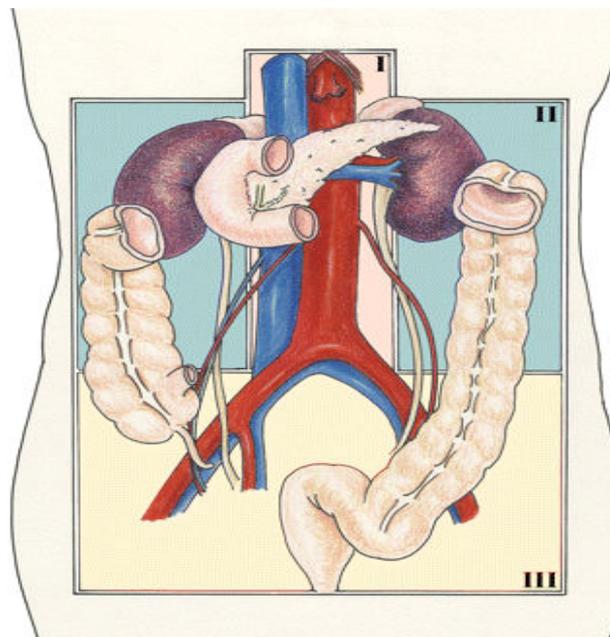
## Treatment of liver injury

**Nonoperative management:** is safe, effective, and clearly the treatment modality of choice in hemodynamically stable patients. The weakness in this treatment is the possibility of missing an associated intra abdominal injury

**Operative management :**

- simple suture techniques
- resectional debridement to control hemorrhage.
- Anatomic resection,
- hepatic artery ligation
- Mesh wrapping or perihepatic packing,
- fibrin glue application

## Retroperitoneal organs injury



# Retroperitoneal injuries & retro peritoneal hematoma

1. Frequently over looked and carry significant morbidity.
2. Diagnosis require a high index of suspicion and an organized diagnostic approach  
any patient who has sustained a direct high-energy blow to the epigastrium ,ie from a crushed steering wheel in an adult.
3. the findings of retro peritoneal hematoma on CT or at operation.

## Zones of retroperitoneal hematoma

### Zone I:

.Occupy the centro medial portion of the retro

peritoneum,

.Include : dodenum & pancrease and major blood vessels.

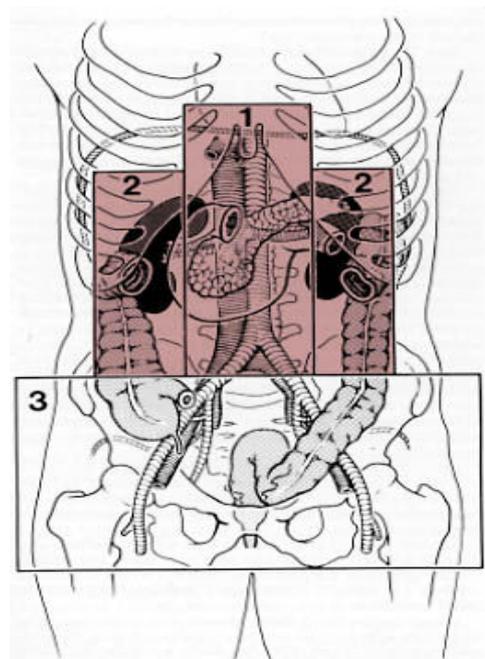
### Zone II:

Is lateral to zone I,

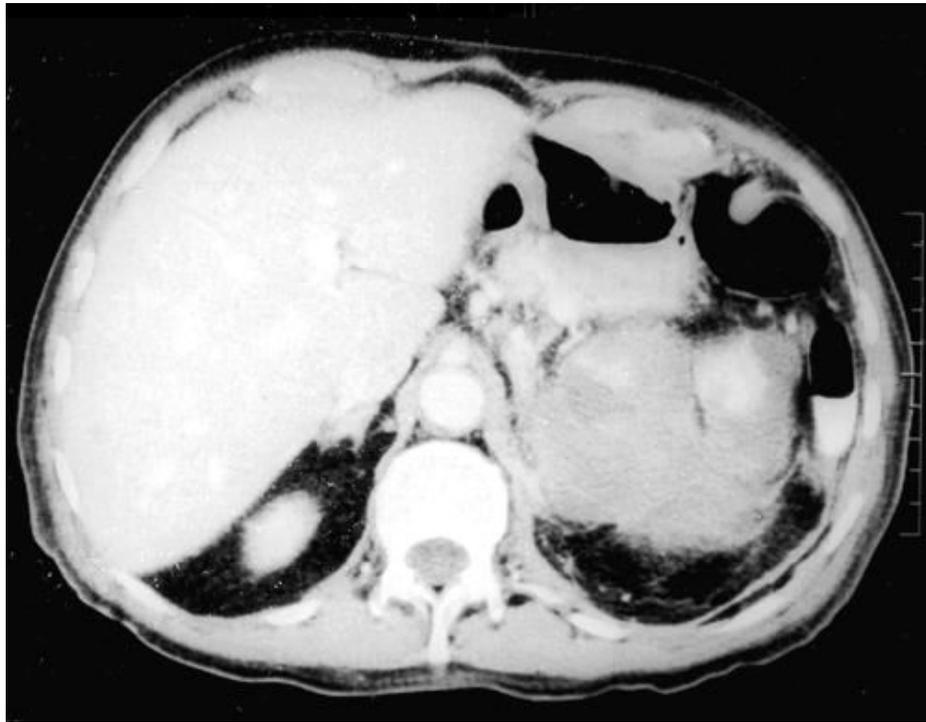
.Include : kidney & retro peritoneal portion of colon.

### Zone III:

Include entire pelvis



## Retroperitoneal hematoma , CT



## Retroperitoneal hematoma

location	Blunt	Penetrating
Zone I	Explore	Explore
Zone II	Observe	Explore
Zone III	Observe	Explore

## Abbreviated laprotomy

*Multiple trauma patients are more likely **to die** from their **intra-operative metabolic failure** than from a failure to complete operative repairs.*

**The patients die from**, a triad of :

- a. coagulopathy,**
- b. hypothermia and**
- c. metabolic acidosis.**

The principles of the first '**damage control**' procedure are control of haemorrhage, prevention of contamination and protection from further injury.

# Archive

\* Seat belt injury in children are at greatest risk of

A-Colonic perforation

B-Small bowel injury

C-Thoracolumbar vertebral injury

D-Bladder rupture

E-IVC injury

\* 29. Which of the following is the treatment of choice for a perforated duodenal ulcer in a 56-year-old man with a strong history of ulcer disease and signs of peritonitis after 12 hours?

a. conservative management with nasogastric suction and intravenous fluids

b. vagotomy and pyloroplasty

c. omental patch repair and peritoneal lavage

d. highly selective vagotomy

e. partial gastrectomy

\* Diagnostic peritoneal lavage EXCEPT :

RBC < 500

\* All of the following data are considered positive peritoneal lavage after blunt abdominal trauma, EXCEPT:

A. Amylase positive in the lavage fluid B. Bile positive in the lavage fluid

C. Red blood cell count 100 000/ml

D. Albumin of 5 g/l

E. Gram stain positive for bacteria in the lavage fluid

\* Which of the following is the least used in the diagnosis of intra abdominal bleeding following blunt trauma

a. repeated clinical exam.

b. DPL diagnostic peritoneal lavage

c. FAST d. CT

e. MRI

**Clinical features of abdominal compartment syndrome following multiple trauma patient include the followings except**

- a. tachycardia
- b. low urine output
- c. elevated CVP
- d. The elevated abdominal pressure can be measured by foley's catheter
- e. Intra abdominal pressure above 10 cm H<sub>2</sub>O is diagnostic. ?