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DIAGNOSIS: RUPTURED ABDOMINAL AORTIC ANEURYSM, PROSTHESIS

CLINICAL HISTORY: M/77. After some rather vague abdominal pains, this man suddenly collapsed and developed typical shock with pallor, sweating and hypotension. A day or so later an aneurysm could be palpated just below the umbilicus. Laparotomy showed that the aneurysm had ruptured and a prosthesis was inserted. Progress was uneventful for about a week when clinical evidence of further haemorrhage developed followed shortly afterwards by death.

MACROSCOPIC: Very severe atherosclerotic changes are seen in that portion of the aorta distal to the renal arteries both of which are identifiable about 3cm below the top of the specimen. A “Y” shaped Teflon graft is in place as in the distal portion of the aorta and both common iliac arteries. There is extensive haemorrhage into the surrounding tissues. All three suture lines appear to be intact and the source of the second haemorrhage was not disclosed at autopsy.

MICROSCOPIC: No photomicrograph.

