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**DIAGNOSIS:** VASCULAR HAMARTOMA OF SPLEEN.

**CLINICAL HISTORY:** M/61. This man woke up with severe abdominal pain affecting first the lower but later shifting to the upper abdomen and becoming associated with pain in the left shoulder. He had been knocked down by a truck five months previously. A peptic ulcer was thought to have ruptured but laparotomy revealed a good deal of blood resulting from a ruptured spleen. Splenectomy was performed.

**MACROSCOPIC:** The various cut surfaces show that the pulp contains quite abnormal thick walled blood vessels. Haemorrhage is also present which can be seen at the upper pole to have ruptured into the peritoneal cavity. The rest of the splenic pulp is unusually pale.

**MICROSCOPIC:** Although not obvious in this picture, the presence of an internal elastic lamina indicates that the abnormal vessels are arteries.

