A Case of Excessive Post-Tonsillectomy Hemorrhage Requiring Ligature of the External Carotid Artery

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Ligature of the external carotid artery (LECA) is a very effective method of choice in patients with excessive post-tonsillectomy hemorrhage. We report herein on the case of a 25-year-old man who underwent LECA for an excessive post-tonsillectomy hemorrhage. His tonsillectomy had been performed under general anesthesia for habitual angina seven days previously. One morning abrupt and excessive bleeding occurred and the patient went into shock. Immediate LECA was performed under general anesthesia. The bleeding was stopped rapidly and a blood transfusion was performed. The patient was discharged 16 days after the LECA without any severe complications.

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