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**THE RESULTS OF TREATMENT AND TESTING OF THE DEVELOPED  
METHOD OF THE COMPLEX TREATMENT OF THE WOUNDS AND  
TROPHIC ULCERS BASED ON THE OUR EXPERIENCE OF THE  
TREATMENT OF WOUNDED WITH MILITARY TRAUMA**



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# ***INTRODUCTION***

*During the environmental protection in eastern Ukraine was recorded 243 cases, included damage of the artery in 113 cases (46,5%); in 27 (11,1%) – damage of the vein; in 103 cases (42,4%) - both. In 208 cases (85,6%) we identified satisfactory result, in 20 (8,2%) – the treatment resulted in amputation of lower extremities, in 11 (4,5%) – the treatment resulted in amputation of upper extremities, in 4 cases (1,7) – lethal. The presence of long-term non-healing wounds was the reason for improving the method of their treatment.*



Fasciotomy is a standard practice when using a temporary vascular bypass and gunshot wounds to blood vessels

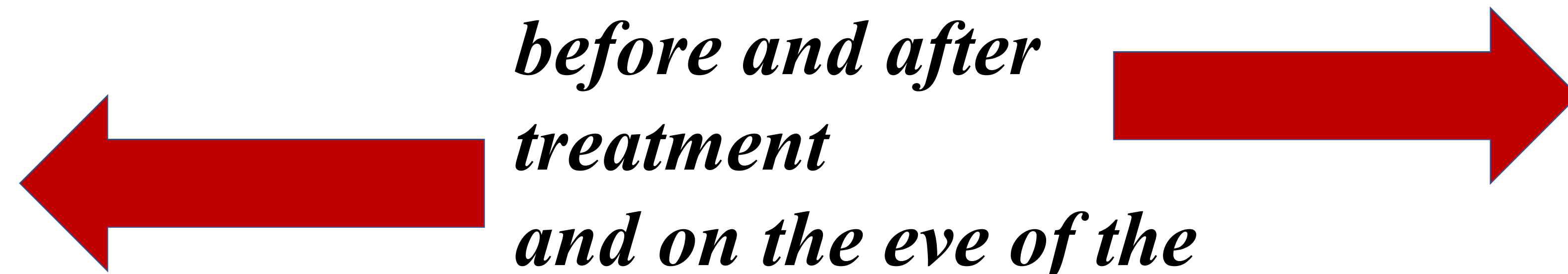


# ***AIM***

***to study the main structure and results of treatment of injuries of the main vessels of the lower extremities during the Joint Forces Operation (JFO) at the 4th stage of angiosurgical care and implement the developed method of complex treatment of patients with wounds and trophic ulcers***



***The photo shows the  
venous trophic ulcers  
before and after  
treatment  
and on the eve of the  
autodermoplasty***

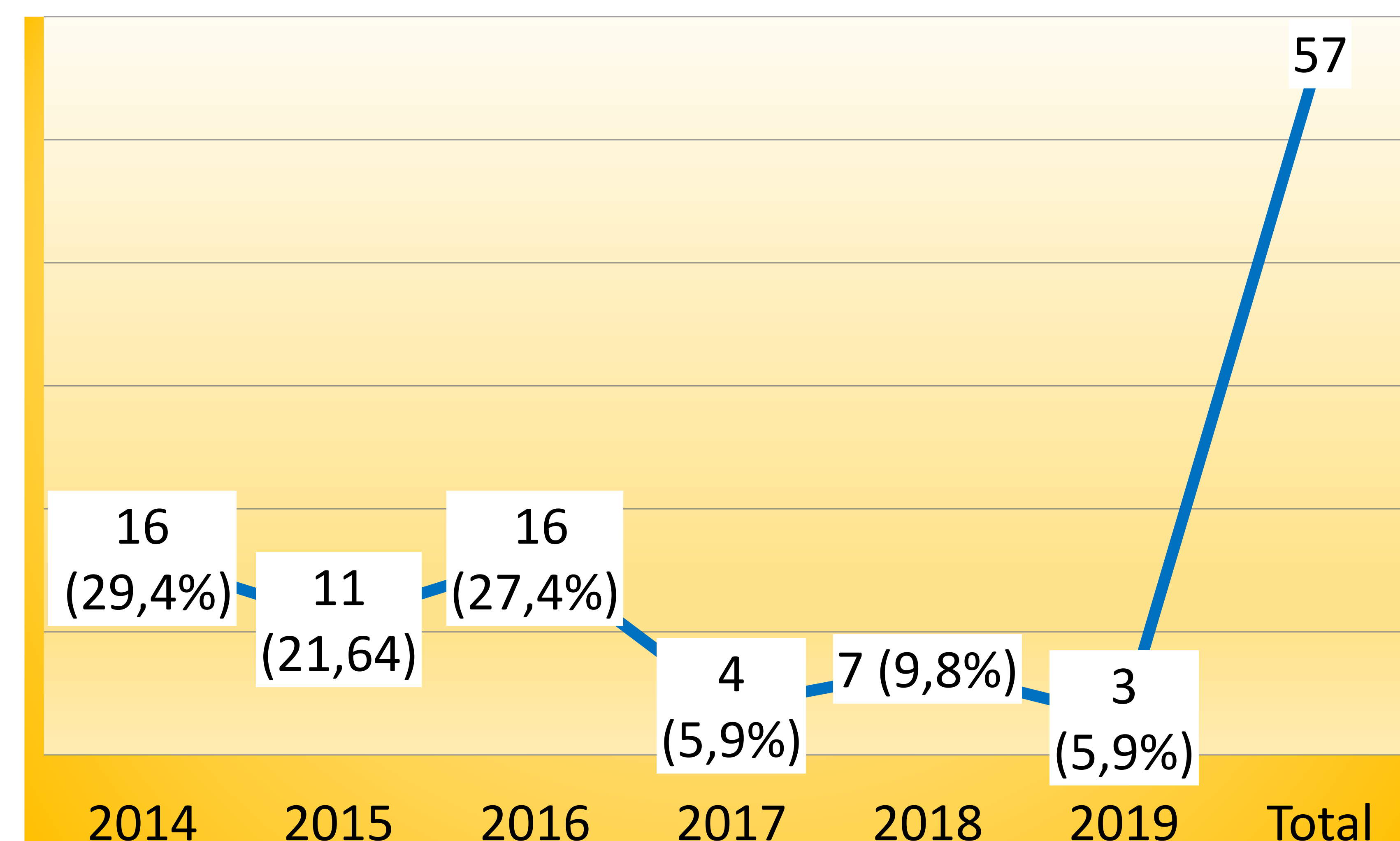




# MATERIALS AND METHODS

**We have analysed 57 cases of gunshot wounds of the main vessels of the lower extremities who have undergone treatment at our medical facility from 2014 to 2019.**

## ANALYSIS OF THE INJURIES PER YEARS IN THE STUDY



The amount of GSW were registered in 2014 was included 16 cases (28%), in 2015 – 11 (19,3 %); in 2016 – 16 (28 %); in 2017 – 4 (7,1 %); in 2018 – 7 (12,3 %); in 2019 – 3 cases (5,3 %).

In the study was included patients under 55 years old. The analysis of the age category showed: 6 cases (10,6%) – patients under 20 years old; 22 (38,6%) – from 21 to 30 years old; 17 cases (29,8%) – from 31 to 40 years old; 10 cases (17,5%) – from 41 to 50 years old; 2 cases (3,5%) – older than 50 years old.

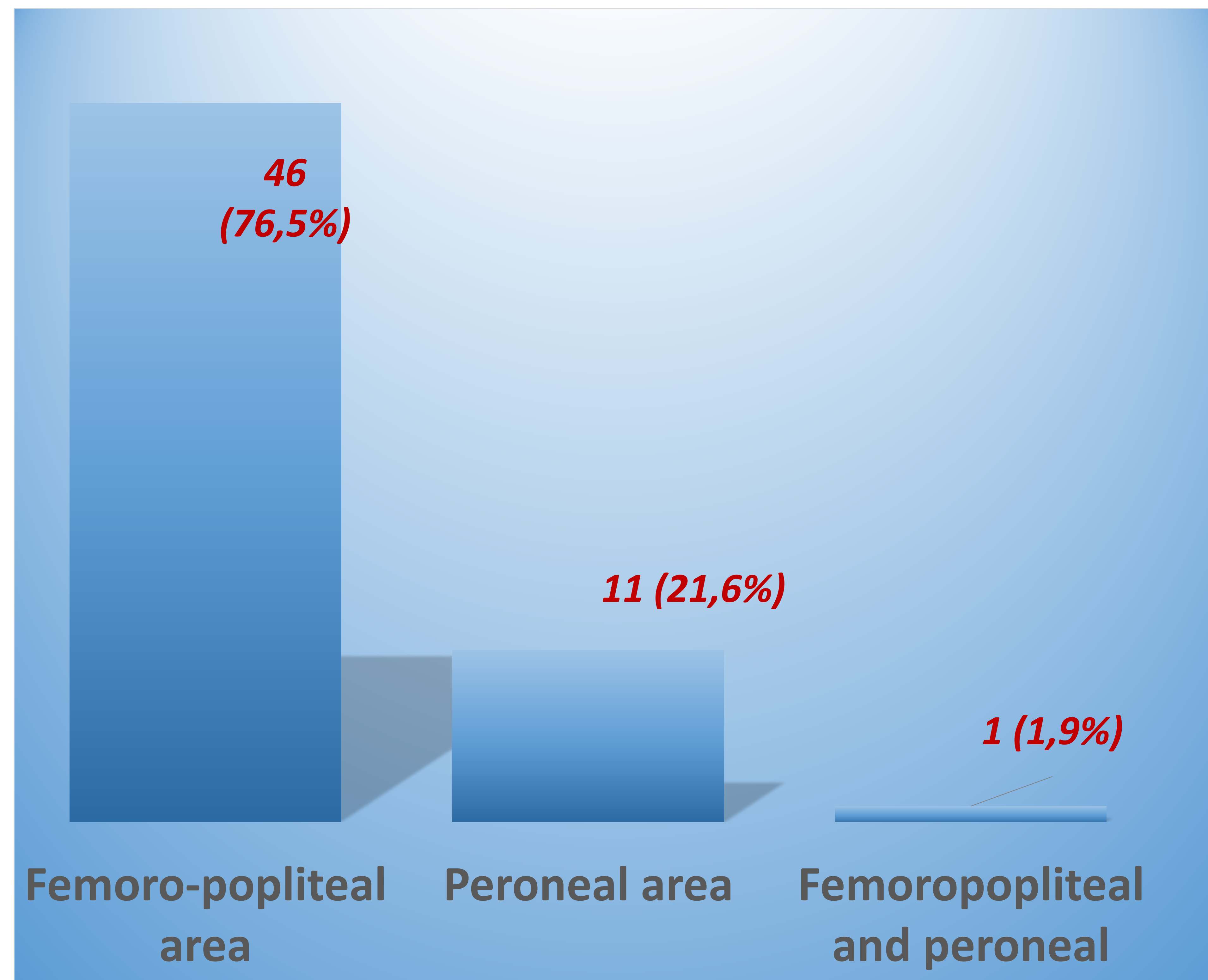
*86,3% of the victims had massive soft tissue damage to the limbs, which complicated treatment. Correction of the main blood flow was the basis of success, but local treatment was crucial.*

*The introduction of low-energy laser radiation into clinical practice significantly accelerates healing. Our priority was to develop a comprehensive electric welding machine for ablation of unsuccessfully perforated veins in the field of ulcers of venous origin. Such a device was created and successfully used in the treatment of 18 (35.3%).*

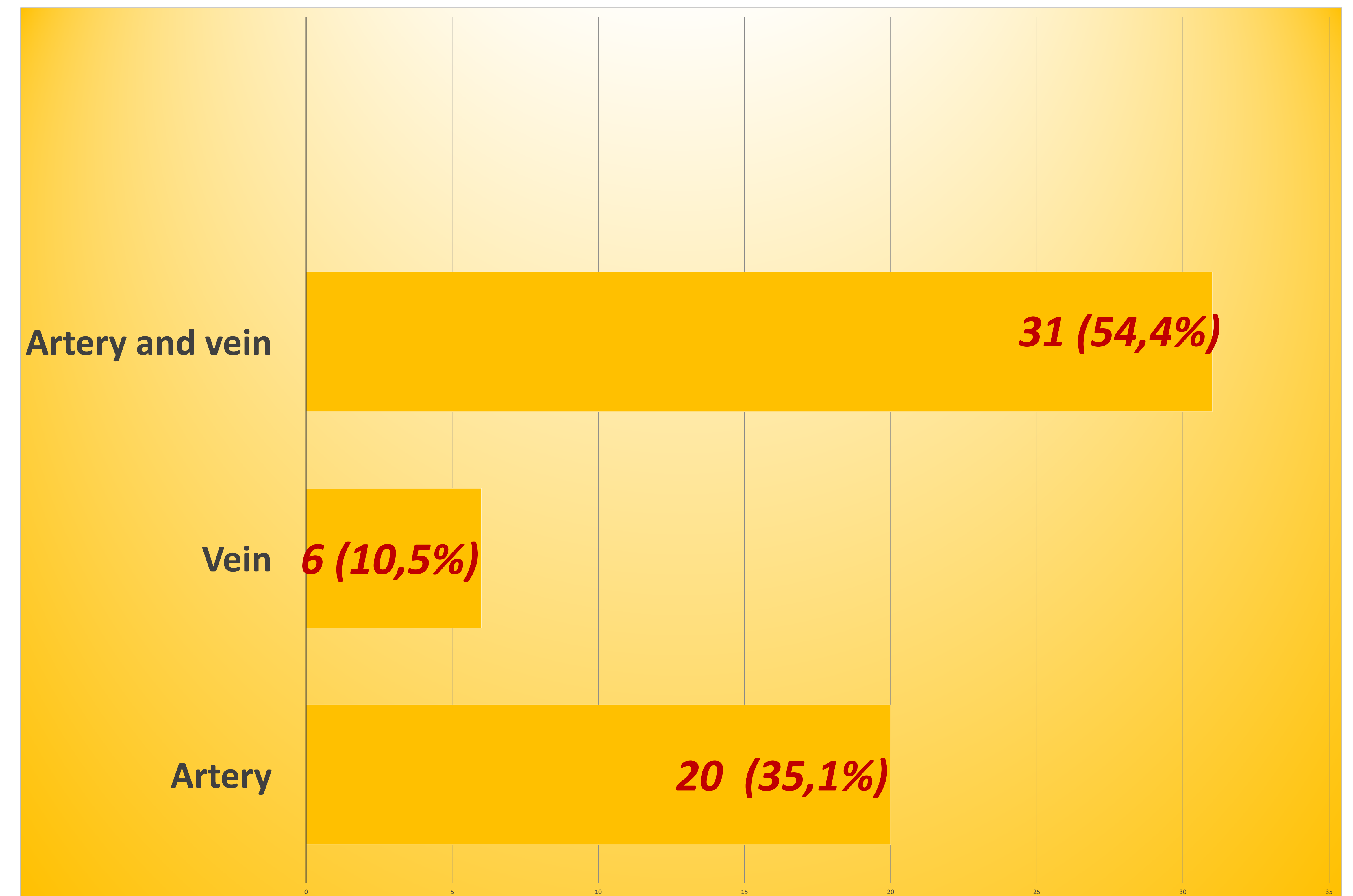


# ***RESULTS***

## ***THE LOCALISATION OF GUNSHOT WOUNDS***



## ***THE KIND OF INGURED VESSELS***

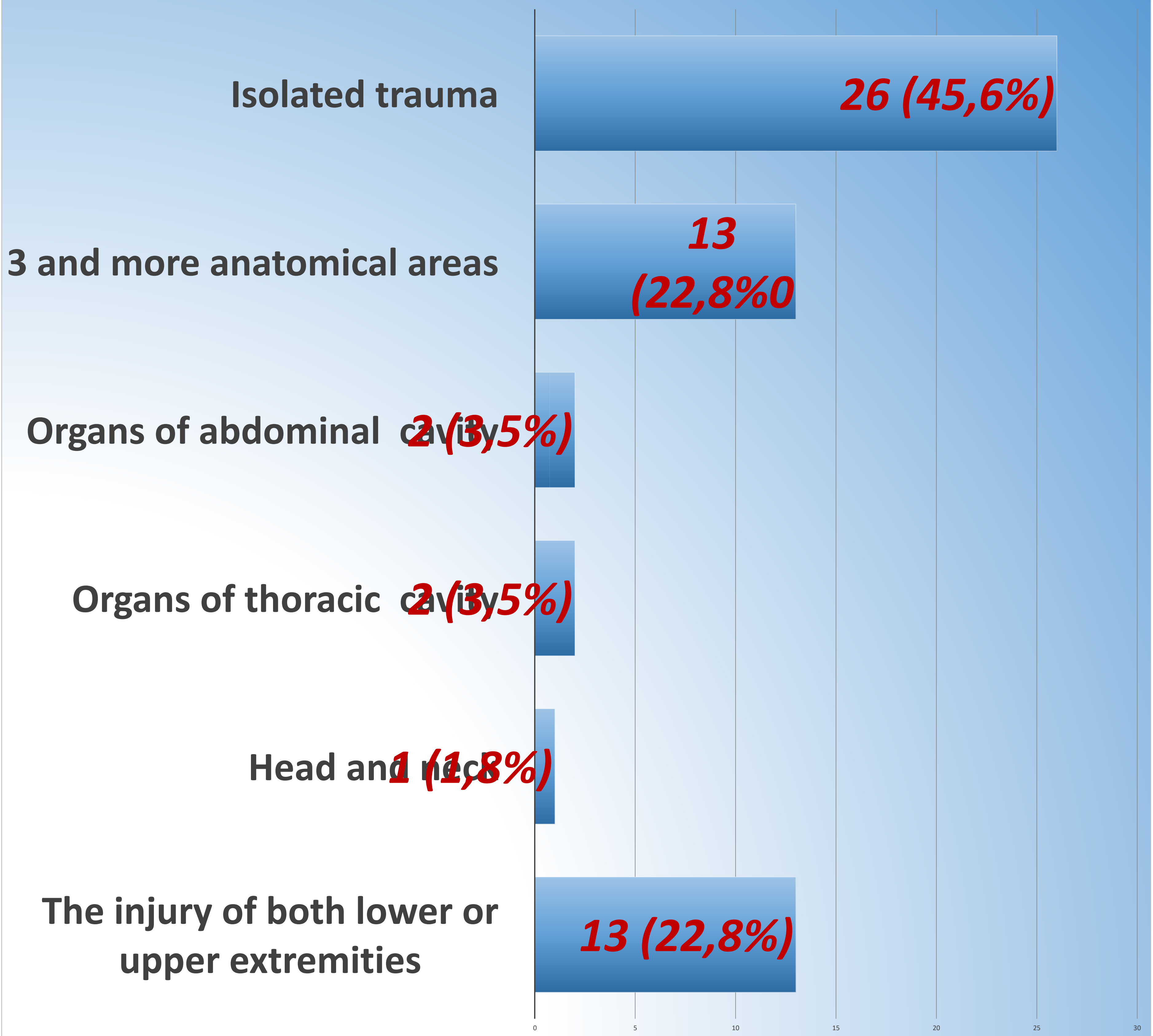
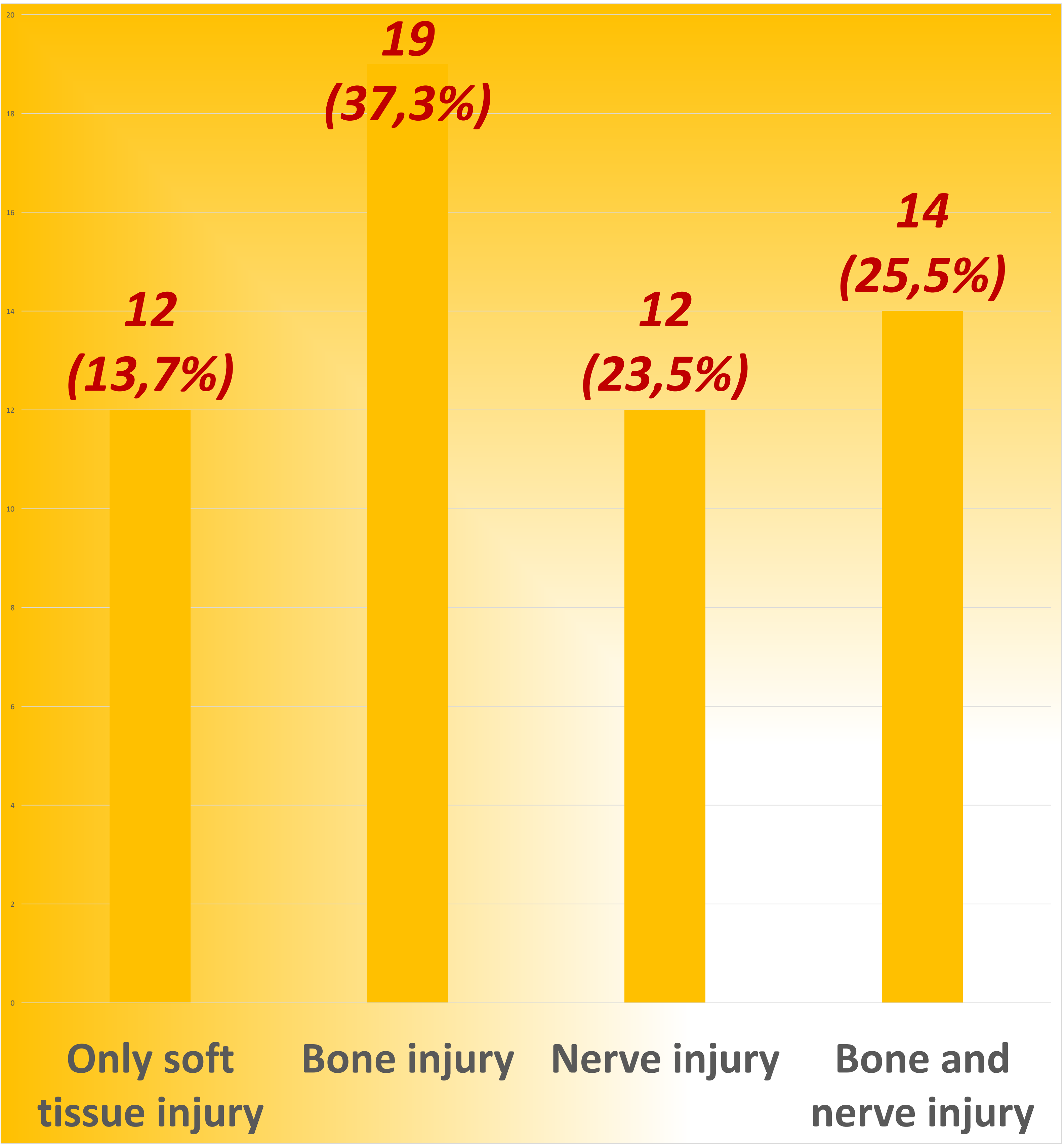


Among all injuries, 88,2% were combat, and 11,8% - non-combat. Among injuries involved damage of the artery was in 20 cases (35,1%); in 6 cases (10,5%) – damage of the vein; in 31 cases (54,4%) - both, artery and vein. The localisation of the GSW was the following: in 46 individuals (76,5%) of the injuries were in femoropopliteal area, in 11 individuals (21,6%) - peroneal, in 1 individual (1,9%) - both.



# RESULTS

## CONCOMITANT TRAUMA

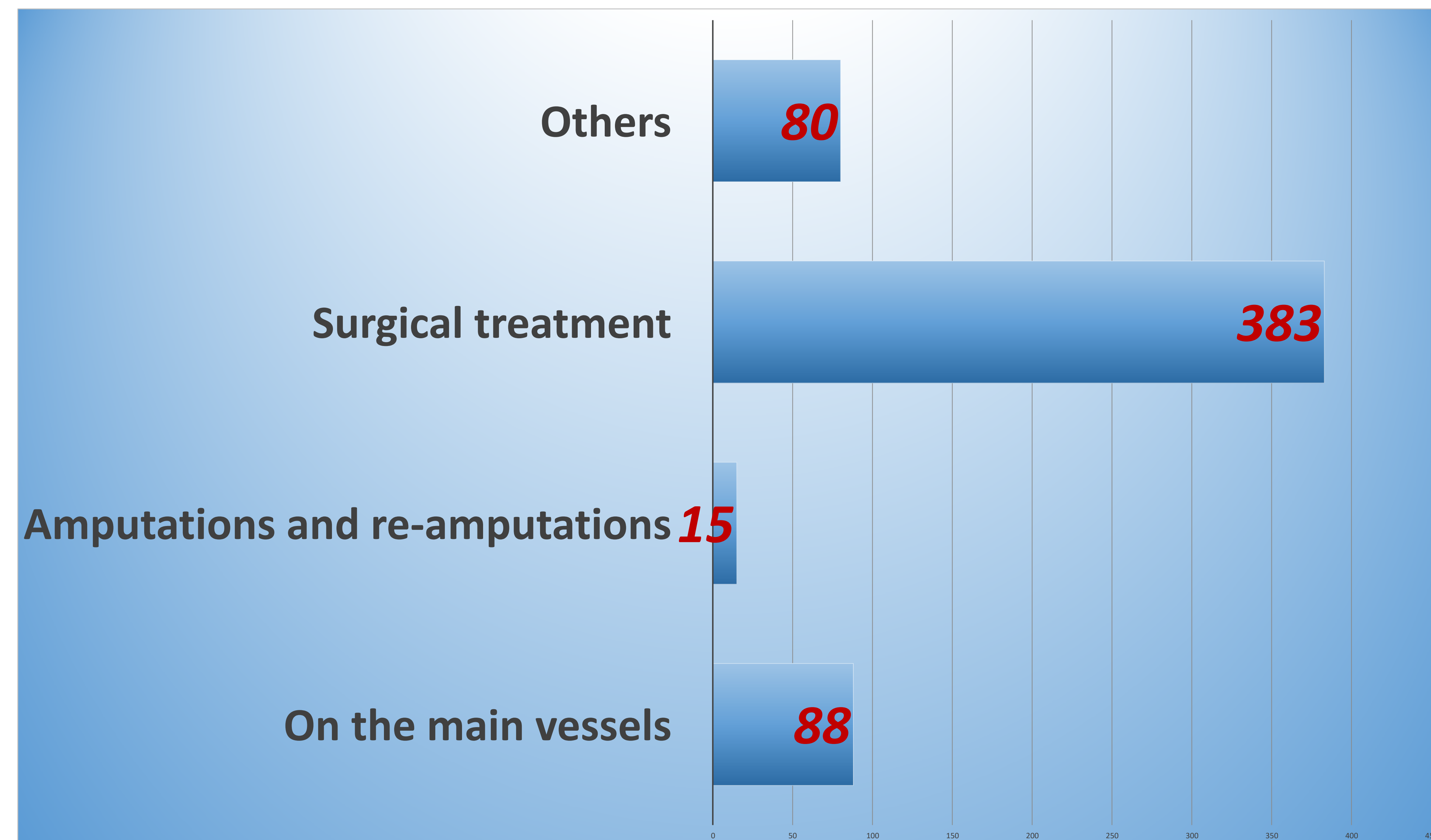


*The injuries that accompanied the trauma of the main vessels included: bone injury in 19 individual (37,3%); nerve injury – in 12 individual (23,5%); bone and nerve injury in 14 individual (25,5%); isolated soft tissue injury in 12 individual (13,7%). In 26 cases the injury was isolated (45,6%) and in 31 cases (54,4%) – multiple, included: the injury of both lower or upper extremities occurred in 13 cases (22,8%), organs of thoracic cavity in 2 cases (3,5%), organs of abdominal cavity – in 2 cases (3,5%), head and neck injury – in 1 case (1,8%), injury of 3 and more anatomical areas – in 13 cases (22,8%).*



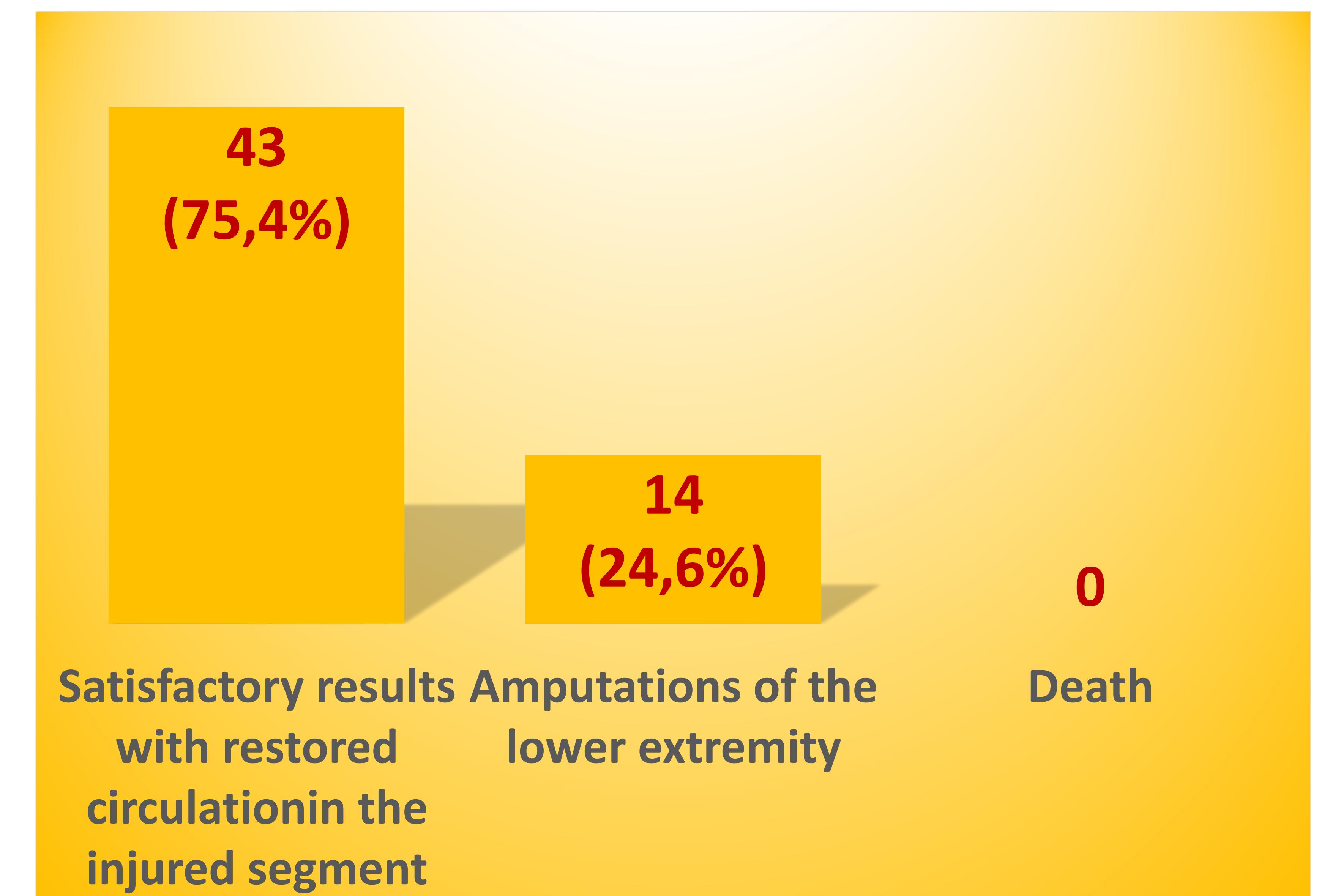
# ***RESULTS***

## **THE CHARACTERISTIC OF THE PERFORMED OPERATIONS**



*There was performed 565 operations in 57 patients; 88 (15,6%) of them – on the main vessels, 15 (2,7%) – amputations and re-amputations, 383 (67,6%) – surgical treatments, 80 (14,1%) – other.*

## ***RESULTS OF THE TREATMENT***

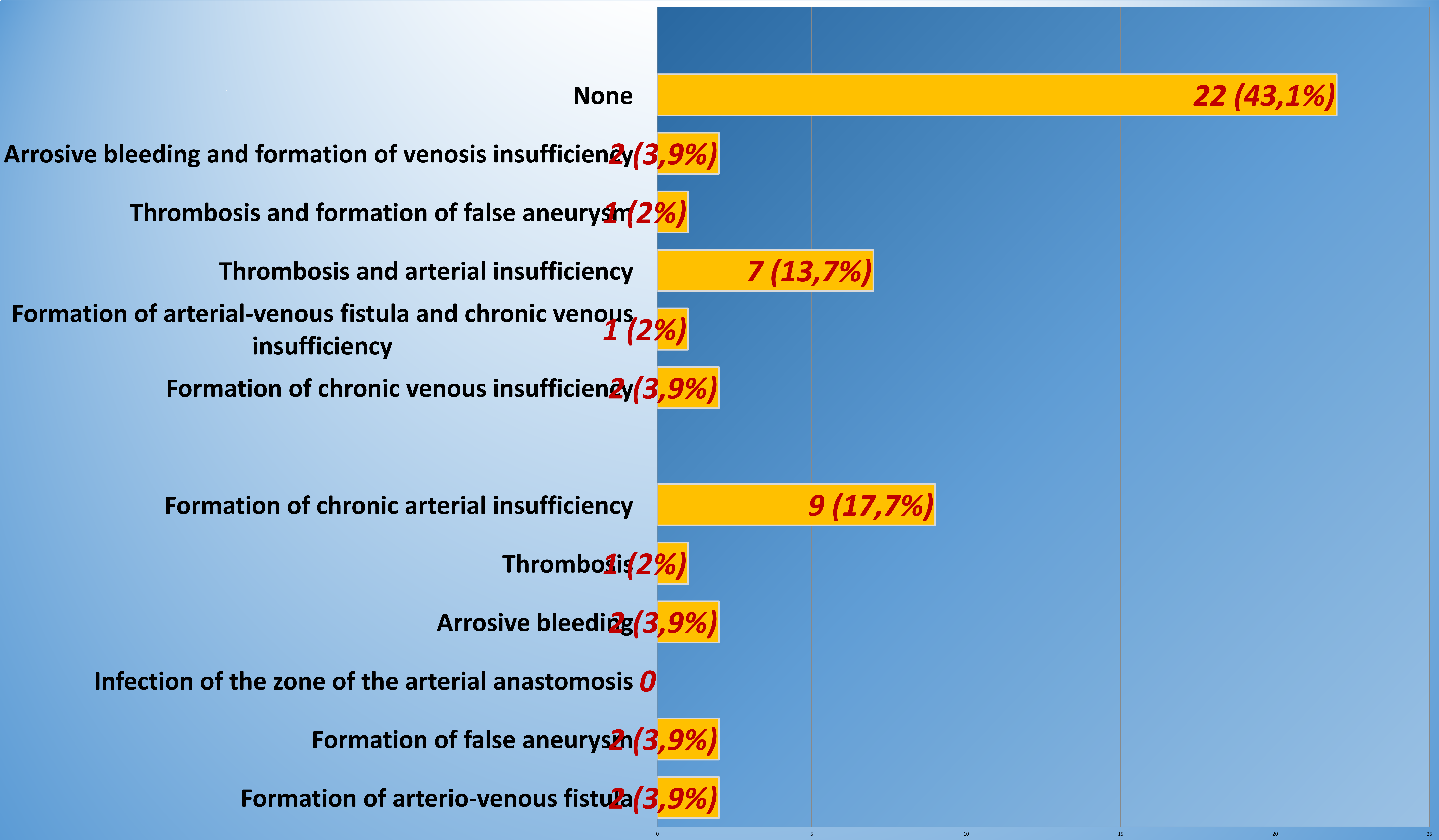


*Analysing the results of treatment in 43 cases (75,4%) there was identified satisfactory result and in 14 (24,6%) – the treatment resulted in amputation.*



# RESULTS

## THE LONG –TERM OUTCOMES OF THE INJURIES OF THE MAIN VESSELS



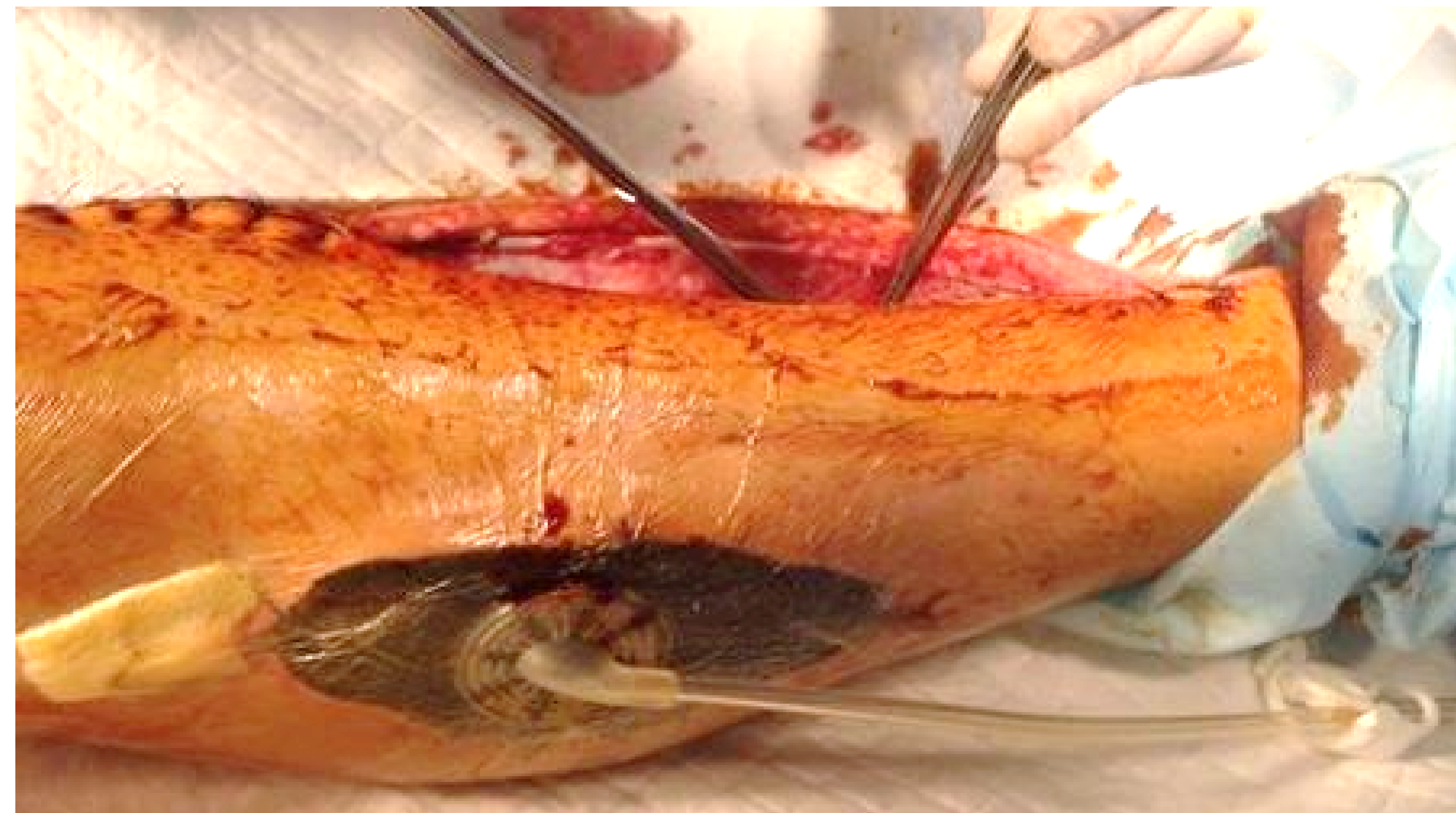


# ***CLINICAL CASES***

***DS. Gunshot shrapnel wound of the upper third of the left thigh with damage to the superficial femoral artery and vein (2nd day)***



***Image of the wound on the 2nd day***



***Repeated surgical treatments, adjustment of the vacuum aspiration system on the wound of the medial surface of the leg***



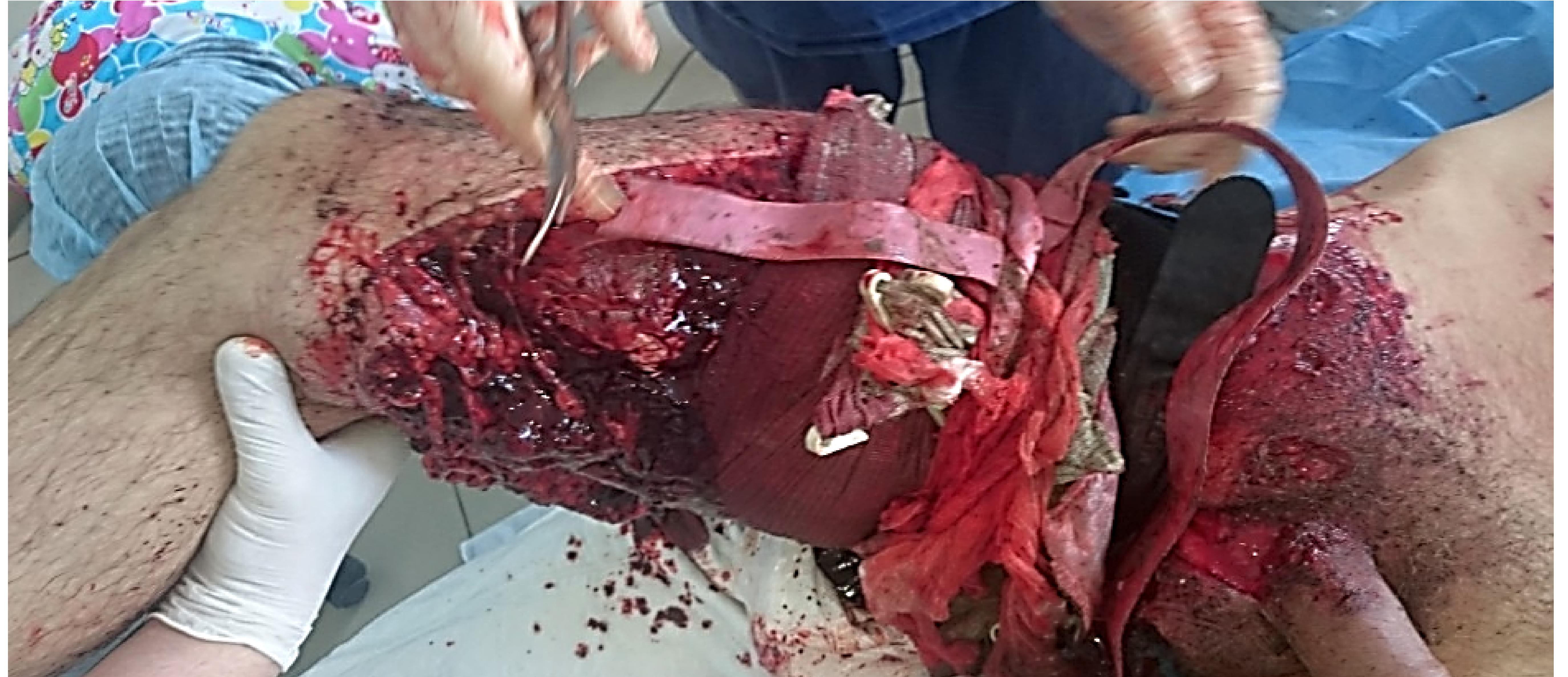
***On the 18th-20th day the sutures are contagious, there are no signs of active inflammation and necrosis of the wound edges***



# ***CLINICAL CASES***

***DS. Explosive wound with a massive tissue defect in the area of the vascular bundle***

***Image of a wound during first aid.***



***Imaging of the wound in 2 weeks at the stage of treatment.***



# ***CLINICAL CASES***



*Image of the wound at the stage of treatment*



*After  
treatment*



# CONCLUSION

**Trophic ulcers and wounds are caused by several factors, so their treatment should always be comprehensive:**

- **Estimation of wound area and trophic ulcer;**
- **Study of the genesis of trophic ulcers;**
- **Surgical treatment for the correction of blood flow disorders;**
- **Conservative treatment (antibiotic anticoagulant therapy, anti-inflammatory and analgesic drugs, antisecretory drugs);**
- **Rehabilitation of ulcers and stimulation of their healing with the use of topical agents;Leukocyte serum;Physiotherapeutic methods;Hyperbaric oxygenation;Ultrasonic cavitation using low-frequency ultrasound.**



*THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!!!*