



2021 Comprehensive General Surgery Module: Key References

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Diplomates are neither required nor expected to read all of these references before or during the completion of the assessment.

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Abdominal Wall Reconstruction:

- Pauli EM, Rosen MJ. Open ventral hernia repair with component separation. *Surg Clin North Am*. 2013;93(5):1111-1133.
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Breast Mass:

- Barreto DS, Sedgwick EL, Nagi CS, Benveniste AP. Granulomatous mastitis: etiology, imaging, pathology, treatment, and clinical findings. *Breast Cancer Res Treat*. 2018;171(3):527-534.
[\[PMID: 29971624\]](#)

Cardiac Arrhythmias:

- ★ [January CT, Wann LS, Calkins H, et al. 2019 AHA/ACC/HRS Focused Update of the 2014 AHA/ACC/HRS guideline for the management of patients with atrial fibrillation: a report of the American College of Cardiology/American Heart Association task force on clinical practice guidelines and the Heart Rhythm Society in collaboration with the Society of Thoracic Surgeons. *Circulation*. 2019;140\(2\):e125-e151.](#)
[\[PMID: 30686041\]](#)

Cholecystitis:

- Strasberg SM, Pucci MJ, Brunt LM, Deziel DJ. Subtotal cholecystectomy-"fenestrating" vs "reconstituting" subtypes and the prevention of bile duct injury: definition of the optimal procedure in difficult operative conditions. *J Am Coll Surg*. 2016;222(1):89-96.
[\[PMID: 26521077\]](#)

Groin Pain in Athletes (“Sports Hernia”):

- Zuckerbraun BS, Cyr AR, Mauro CS. Groin pain syndrome known as sports hernia: a review. *JAMA Surg*. 2020;155(4):340-348.
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Hepatic Trauma:

- Hommes M, Nicol AJ, Navsaria PH, Reinders Folmer E, Edu S, Krige JE. Management of biliary complications in 412 patients with liver injuries. *J Trauma Acute Care Surg.* 2014;77(3):448-451.

[[PMID: 25159249](#)]

Hernias, including Inguinal and Femoral:

- ★ [HerniaSurge Group. International guidelines for groin hernia management. *Hernia.* 2018;22\(1\):1-165.](#)

[PMID: 29330835]

Oncoplastic Surgery:

- Kopkash K, Clark P. Basic oncoplastic surgery for breast conservation: tips and techniques. *Ann Surg Oncol.* 2018;25(10):2823-2828.

[[PMID: 29968024](#)]

Pancreatic Neoplasms:

- Cizginer S, Turner BG, Bilge AR, Karaca C, Pitman MB, Brugge WR. Cyst fluid carcinoembryonic antigen is an accurate diagnostic marker of pancreatic mucinous cysts. *Pancreas.* 2011;40(7):1024-1028.

[[PMID: 21775920](#)]

- ★ [Partelli S, Cirocchi R, Crippa S, et al. Systematic review of active surveillance versus surgical management of asymptomatic small non-functioning pancreatic neuroendocrine neoplasms. *Br J Surg.* 2017;104\(1\):34-41.](#)

[PMID: 27706803]

Papillary Thyroid Carcinoma:

- ★ [Haugen BR, Alexander EK, Bible KC, et al. Revised American Thyroid Association guidelines for the management of medullary thyroid carcinoma. *Thyroid.* 2016;26\(1\): 1-133.](#)

Parathyroid Cancer:

- Wei CH, Harari A. Parathyroid carcinoma: update and guidelines for management. *Curr Treat Options Oncol.* 2012;13(1):11-23.

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Pelvic Fractures:

- ★ [Cullinane DC, Schiller HJ, Zielinski MD, et al. Eastern Association for the Surgery of Trauma practice management guidelines for hemorrhage in pelvic fracture--update and systematic review. *J Trauma*. 2011;71\(6\):1850-1868.](#)

[PMID: 22182895]

Polyposis Syndrome:

- ★ [Syngal S, Brand RE, Church JM, et al. ACG clinical guideline: genetic testing and management of hereditary gastrointestinal cancer syndromes. *Am J Gastroenterol*. 2015;110\(2\):223-263.](#)

[PMID: 25645574]

Retroperitoneal Mass:

- Scali EP, Chandler TM, Heffernan EJ, Coyle J, Harris AC, Chang SD. Primary retroperitoneal masses: what is the differential diagnosis?. *Abdom Imaging*. 2015;40(6):1887-1903.

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Splenic Trauma:

- ★ [Coccolini, et al. Splenic trauma: WSES classification and guidelines for adult and pediatric patients. *World J Emerg Surg*. 2017;12:40.](#)

[PMID: 28828034]

Surgical Methods to Reduce Re-excision:

- ★ [Landercaasper J, Attai D, Atisha D, et al. Toolbox to reduce lumpectomy reoperations and improve cosmetic outcome in breast cancer patients: The American Society of Breast Surgeons consensus conference. *Ann Surg Oncol*. 2015;22\(10\):3174-3183.](#)

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Thoracic Trauma, Penetrating:

- ★ [Seamon MJ, Haut ER, Van Arendonk K, et al. An evidence-based approach to patient selection for emergency department thoracotomy: a practice management guideline from the Eastern Association for the Surgery of Trauma. *J Trauma Acute Care Surg*. 2015;79\(1\):159-173. \[PMID: 26091330\]](#)

Thyroid Nodule:

- ★ [Haugen BR, Alexander EK, Bible KC, et al. Revised American Thyroid Association guidelines for the management of medullary thyroid carcinoma. *Thyroid*. 2016;26\(1\): 1-133.](#)