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Access for Dialysis


Choledocholithiasis


Common Bile Duct Obstruction


Gallbladder Cancer


Hepatic Abscess

Hepatic Neoplasms


Hernias, including Inguinal and Femoral


Pancreatic Cysts and Pseudocysts


Pancreatitis - Acute, Chronic, and Necrotizing

Peritoneal Neoplasms


Peritonitis


Small Intestinal Obstruction


Spleen, Hemolytic Anemias


Surgical Implications of Ascites