



2019 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

Liang M, et al. Ventral hernia management: expert consensus guided by systematic review. *Ann Surg.* 2017 Jan;265(1):80-89. [[PMID: 28009730](#)]

Anorectal Abscess and Fistulae

Vogel J, et al. Clinical practice guideline for the management of anorectal abscess, fistula-in-ano, and rectovaginal fistula. *Dis Colon Rectum.* 2016 Dec;59(12):1117-1133. [[PMID: 27824697](#)]

Appendicitis

Huston JM, et al. Antibiotics vs. appendectomy for acute uncomplicated appendicitis in adults: review of the evidence and future directions. *Surg Infect.* 2017;18(5):527-535. [[PMID 28614043](#)]

Benign Breast Disease

Hubbard J, et al. Criteria for excision of suspected fibroadenomas of the breast. *Am J Surg.* 2015 Feb;209(2):297-301. [[PMID: 25682095](#)]

Cholangitis

★ [Miura F, et al. Tokyo Guidelines 2018: initial management of acute biliary infection and flowchart for acute cholangitis. *J Hepatobiliary Pancreat Sci.* 2018;25\(1\):31-40. \[PMID 28941329\]](#)

Cholecystitis

★ [Wakabayashi G, et al. Tokyo Guidelines 2018: surgical management of acute cholecystitis: safe steps in laparoscopic cholecystectomy for acute cholecystitis \(with videos\). *J Hepatobiliary Pancreat Sci.* 2018;25\(1\):73-86. \[PMID 29095575\]](#)

Compartment Syndrome

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- ★ [Bowyer MW. Lower extremity fasciotomy: indications and technique. *Curr Trauma Rep.* 2015;1\(1\):35-44.](#)

Diverticulitis

Galetin T, et al. Systematic review and comparison of national and international guidelines on diverticular disease. *Int J Colorectal Dis.* 2018 Mar;33(3):261-272. [PMID: 29349481]

Gastrointestinal Bleeding, Lower

- ★ [Roshan A, et al. The role of early colonoscopy in patients presenting with acute lower gastrointestinal bleeding: a systematic review and meta-analysis. *Therap Adv Gastroenterol.* 2018 Feb 19;11:1756283X18757184.](#) [PMID: 29487627]

Genetic Susceptibility

- ★ [Richards S, et al. Standards and guidelines for the interpretation of sequence variants: a joint consensus recommendation of the American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics and the Association for Molecular Pathology. *Genet Med.* 2015 May;17\(5\):405-24.](#) [PMID: 25741868]

Graft-Enteric Fistula Management

Chopra A, et al. Twenty-year experience with aorto-enteric fistula repair: gastrointestinal complications predict mortality. *J Am Coll Surg.* 2017 Jul;225(1):9-18. [PMID: 28161484]

Hepatic Neoplasms

- ★ [Roberts K, et al. Performance of prognostic scores in predicting long-term outcome following resection of colorectal liver metastases. *Br J Surg.* 2014 Jun;101\(7\):856-66.](#) [PMID: 24817653]

Melanoma and Nevi

- ★ [Long G, et al. Adjuvant dabrafenib in Stage III BRAF-mutated melanoma. *N Engl J Med.* 2017 Nov 9;377\(19\):1813-1823.](#) [PMID 28891408]

Multiple Endocrine Neoplasia

- ★ [Raue F, Frank-Raue K. Update on multiple endocrine neoplasia type 2: focus on medullary thyroid carcinoma. *J Endocr Soc.* 2018 Jul 13;2\(8\):933-943.](#) [PMID: 30087948]

Paraesophageal Hernia

Kohn G, et al. SAGES Guidelines Committee. Guidelines for the management of hiatal hernia. *Surg Endosc.* 2013 Dec;27(12):4409-28. [PMID: 24018762]

Small Bowel Injury

- ★ [Bates D, et al. Multidetector CT of surgically proven blunt bowel and mesenteric injury. *Radiographics.* 2017 Mar-Apr;37\(2\):613-625.](#) [PMID: 28165875]



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Small Bowel Obstruction

Wessels LE, Calvo RY, Dunne CE, et al. Outcomes in adhesive small bowel obstruction from a large statewide database: What to expect after nonoperative management. *J Trauma Acute Care Surg.* 2019 Apr;86(4):651-657. [[PMID:30907786](#)]

- ★ [Ten Broek RPG, et al. Bologna guidelines for diagnosis and management of adhesive small bowel obstruction \(ASBO\): 2017 update of the evidence-based guidelines from the world society of emergency surgery ASBO working group. *World J Emerg Surg.* 2018 Jun 19;13:24. \[PMID: 29946347\].](#)

Thyroid Nodule

- ★ [Haugen B, et al. 2015 American thyroid association management guidelines for adult patients with thyroid nodules and differentiated thyroid cancer. *Thyroid.* 2016 Jan;26\(1\):1-33. \[PMID: 26462967\]](#)