



2026 Alimentary Tract Module

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Below you will find the topics and references for the Alimentary Tract module for the 2026 General Surgery Continuous Certification Assessment. Diplomates are **not** expected or required to read all of these references before or during the assessment. Key References are marked with a yellow star ★.

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