



2026 Comprehensive General Surgery Module

All References



Below you will find the topics and references for the Comprehensive General Surgery 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 ★.

Due to permission limitations, we can only provide direct full-text links for articles that are already open access; all other links will direct to PubMed.

To view full-text articles for **all** references before starting your assessment, please log in to the [surgeon portal](#), where links and PDFs will be freely available beginning **August 8, 2026**. Additionally, full-text links and PDFs for all Key and Additional References will be available directly within the exam platform while you take your assessment.

Adrenal Mass – Incidental

- ★ [He X, Peter PR, Auchus RJ. Approach to the patient with an incidental adrenal mass. *Med Clin North Am*. 2021;105\(6\):1047-1063. doi:10.1016/j.mcna.2021.06.009](#)
- [Woods AP, Godley F 4th, Feeney T, et al. A standardized radiology template improves incidental adrenal mass follow-up: a prospective effectiveness and implementation study. *J Am Coll Radiol*. 2023;20\(1\):87-97. doi:10.1016/j.jacr.2022.11.011](#)

Ascites – Chylous

- ★ [Aimanan K, Ilango K, Jie NJ, Sannasi VV. A systematic review on management of chylous ascites following abdominal aortic aneurysm repair. *JVS-VI*. 2025;3:100210. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jvsvi.2025.100210>](#)
- [Duletzke NT, Kiraly LN, Martindale RG. Chylothorax and chylous ascites: overview, management, and nutrition. *Nutr Clin Pract*. 2023;38\(3\):557-563. doi:10.1002/ncp.10973](#)

Breast Cancer - Invasive Carcinoma (Ductal, Lobular, All Variants)

- ★ [de Boniface J, Filtenborg Tvedskov T, Rydén L, et al. Omitting axillary dissection in breast cancer with sentinel-node metastases. *N Engl J Med*. 2024;390\(13\):1163-1175. doi:10.1056/NEJMoa2313487](#)

Cesarean Section

- ★ [Burruss S, Jebbia M, Nahmias J. Pregnancy and trauma: what you need to know. *J Trauma Acute Care Surg*. 2025;98\(2\):190-196. doi:10.1097/TA.0000000000004478](#)



2026 Comprehensive General Surgery Module

All References



- [Larson NJ, Mergoum AM, Dries DJ, Hubbard L, Blondeau B, Rogers FB. Perimortem cesarean section after severe injury: what you need to know. *J Trauma Acute Care Surg.* 2024;97\(5\):670-677. doi:10.1097/TA.0000000000004444](#)

Chest Tube Placement and Management

- ★ [Carver TW, Berndtson AE, McNickle AG, et al. Thoracic irrigation for prevention of secondary intervention after thoracostomy tube drainage for hemothorax: a Western Trauma Association multicenter study. *J Trauma Acute Care Surg.* 2024;97\(5\):724-730. doi:10.1097/TA.0000000000004364](#)
- [Al Tannir AH, Biesboer EA, Golestani S, et al. Thoracic cavity irrigation prevents retained hemothorax and decreases surgical intervention in trauma patients. *J Trauma Acute Care Surg.* 2024;97\(1\):90-95. doi:10.1097/TA.0000000000004324](#)

Cholecystostomy

- ★ [Sadaka AH, Tseng JF, Itani KMF. Indications for and optimal management of percutaneous cholecystostomy drainage: a systematic review. *JAMA Surg.* 2025;160\(12\):1368-1377. doi:10.1001/jamasurg.2025.3260](#)
- [Argandykov D, El Moheb M, Nzenwa IC, et al. Percutaneous and endoscopic transpapillary cholecystoduodenal stenting in acute cholecystitis-a viable long-term option in high-risk patients?. *J Trauma Acute Care Surg.* 2025;98\(2\):319-326. doi:10.1097/TA.0000000000004468](#)
- [Fanciulli G, Favara G, Maugeri A, Barchitta M, Agodi A, Basile G. Comparing percutaneous treatment and cholecystectomy outcomes in acute cholecystitis patients: a systematic review and meta-analysis. *World J Emerg Surg.* 2025;20\(1\):50. doi:10.1186/s13017-025-00622-6](#)
- [Ramia JM, Serradilla-Martín M, Villodre C, et al. International Delphi consensus on the management of percutaneous cholecystostomy in acute cholecystitis \(E-AHPBA, ANS, WSES societies\). *World J Emerg Surg.* 2024;19\(1\):32. doi:10.1186/s13017-024-00561-8](#)

Cirrhosis/Portal Hypertension (Ascites)

- ★ [Yip TC, Wong GL, Wong VW, Goh GB, Chan WK. Nonalcoholic fatty liver disease: a unique entity or part of the metabolic syndrome or both. *Med Clin North Am.* 2023;107\(3\):449-463. doi:10.1016/j.mcna.2022.12.003](#)



2026 Comprehensive General Surgery Module

All References



Clostridium Difficile Colitis

- ★ [L'Huillier JC, Guo WA. The always evolving diagnosis and management of Clostridioides difficile colitis: what you need to know. *J Trauma Acute Care Surg.* 2025;98\(3\):357-367. doi:10.1097/TA.0000000000004474](#)

Desmoids/Fibromatoses

- ★ [Riedel RF, Agulnik M. Evolving strategies for management of desmoid tumor. *Cancer.* 2022;128\(16\):3027-3040. doi:10.1002/cncr.34332](#)
- [Costa PA, Arora A, Fernandez Y, et al. Sorafenib or anthracycline-based chemotherapy for progressive desmoid tumors. *Cancer.* 2025;131\(1\):e35647. doi:10.1002/cncr.35647](#)
- [Taqi K, Stockley C, Wood M, Przybojewski S, Bouchard-Fortier A, Mack L. Cryotherapy in the treatment of extra-abdominal desmoid tumors-a review. *Curr Oncol.* 2025;32\(3\):137. doi:10.3390/curroncol32030137](#)

Diseases/Conditions – Core

- ★ [Akiska YM, Schwartz R, Ozavci IE, Ranganath B. Concurrent abdominal body contouring and hernia repair are safe choices: an analysis of the 2015-2020 ACS-NSQIP database. *J Plast Reconstr Aesthet Surg.* 2023;81:53-59. doi:10.1016/j.bjps.2023.01.009](#)

Enterocutaneous Fistula

- ★ [Vanzant E, Thompson A, Mendoza A, Yeh D. Current fistula management. *Curr Opin Crit Care.* 2024;30\(2\):172-177. doi:10.1097/MCC.0000000000001147](#)
- [Vaghiri S, Pandkhahi A, Al Akeel W, et al. Chyme reinfusion in patients with high-output enterocutaneous fistulas and enterostomies undergoing surgical reconstruction: a systematic literature review and meta-analysis. *Dig Dis Sci.* 2025;70\(10\):3503-3516. doi:10.1007/s10620-025-09189-3](#)

Gastric Adenocarcinoma

- ★ [American College of Surgeons Clinical Research Program. Operative Standards for Cancer Surgery: Thyroid, Gastric, Rectum, Esophagus, Melanoma. Vol 2. Wolters Kluwer Health; 2018.](#)
- [Ostowari A, Chen KT, Hasjim BJ, et al. Underutilization of staging laparoscopy prior to neoadjuvant systemic therapy in gastric cancer. *Ann Surg Oncol.* 2026;33\(2\):1343-1349. doi:10.1245/s10434-025-18547-4](#)



2026 Comprehensive General Surgery Module

All References



Head Injury - Penetrating and Closed (Traumatic Brain Injury)

- ★ [Gharizadeh N, Ghojzadeh M, Naseri A, Dolati S, Tarighat F, Soleimanpour H. Hypertonic saline for traumatic brain injury: a systematic review and meta-analysis. *Eur J Med Res.* 2022;27\(1\):254. doi:10.1186/s40001-022-00897-4](#)

Hemorrhoids

- ★ [Hawkins AT, Davis BR, Bhama AR, et al. The American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons clinical practice guidelines for the management of hemorrhoids. *Dis Colon Rectum.* 2024;67\(5\):614-623. doi:10.1097/DCR.0000000000003276](#)

Hepatic Failure and Hepatorenal Syndrome

- ★ [Singh S, Chandan S, Vinayek R, Aswath G, Facciorusso A, Maida M. Comprehensive approach to esophageal variceal bleeding: from prevention to treatment. *World J Gastroenterol.* 2024;30\(43\):4602-4608. doi:10.3748/wjg.v30.i43.4602](#)
- [Prosty C, Noutsios D, Dubé LR, et al. Prophylactic antibiotics for upper gastrointestinal bleeding in patients with cirrhosis: a systematic review and Bayesian meta-analysis. *JAMA Intern Med.* 2025;185\(10\):1194-1203. doi:10.1001/jamainternmed.2025.3832](#)

Pancreatic Neoplasms – Exocrine

- ★ [American College of Surgeons Clinical Research Program. Operative Standards for Cancer Surgery: Breast, Lung, Pancreas, Colon. Vol 1. Wolters Kluwer Health; 2015.](#)
- [Haque O, Warner SG. Surgical resection for borderline and locally advanced pancreatic adenocarcinoma. *Surq Oncol Clin N Am.* 2026;35\(1\):103-117. doi:10.1016/j.soc.2025.02.001](#)

Peripheral Vascular Disease and Claudication

- ★ [Writing Committee Members, Gornik HL, Aronow HD, et al. 2024 ACC/AHA/AACVPR/APMA/ABC/SCAI/SVM/SVN/SVS/SIR/VESS guideline for the management of lower extremity peripheral artery disease: a report of the American College of Cardiology/American Heart Association joint committee on clinical practice guidelines. *J Am Coll Cardiol.* 2024;83\(24\):2497-2604. doi:10.1016/j.jacc.2024.02.013](#)



2026 Comprehensive General Surgery Module

All References



Umbilical and Epigastric Hernias

- ★ [Johnson KM, Newman KL, Berry K, et al. Risk factors for adverse outcomes in emergency versus nonemergency open umbilical hernia repair and opportunities for elective repair in a national cohort of patients with cirrhosis. *Surgery*. 2022;172\(1\):184-192. doi:10.1016/j.surg.2021.12.004](#)

Venous Access for Long-Term Therapy

- ★ [Yeow M, Soh S, Yap R, et al. A systematic review and network meta-analysis of randomized controlled trials on choice of central venous access device for delivery of chemotherapy. *J Vasc Surg Venous Lymphat Disord*. 2022;10\(5\):1184-1191.e8. doi:10.1016/j.jvsv.2022.03.007](#)
- [Kanchanasuttirak W, Lekhavat V, Kanchanasuttirak P. Long-term tunneled hemodialysis catheters: achieving efficiency through tip position optimization. *Ann Vasc Surg*. 2024;105:158-164. doi:10.1016/j.avsg.2024.01.018](#)

Venous Thromboembolism

- ★ [Berndtson AE, Cross A, Yorkgitis BK, et al. American Association for the Surgery of Trauma/American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma clinical protocol for postdischarge venous thromboembolism prophylaxis after trauma. *J Trauma Acute Care Surg*. 2024;96\(6\):980-985. doi:10.1097/TA.0000000000004307](#)
- [Dougherty JM, Gerhardinger LJ, Johnson PL, et al. Venous thromboembolism events in trauma patients after hospital discharge. *J Trauma Acute Care Surg*. 2025;98\(5\):704-712. doi:10.1097/TA.0000000000004527](#)