Below you will find the topics and a selection of key references for the Core Surgery module of the General Surgery Continuous Certification Assessment. References that are available open source are indicated with a green star ★ and the entire citation is a link to the open access source. References that are not available open access have a link in their PubMed ID to the abstract.

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### Anesthesia, Regional and Local


### Anticoagulation


### Cardiogenic Shock


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### Ethical Issues in Surgery: End of Life

Hypercalcemia


Infection Control


Nutritional Requirements


Pain Management


Patient Safety in the Operating Room


Personal Protective Equipment in a Pandemic

Postoperative Atrial Fibrillation


Preoperative Assessment and Management of Cardiac Risk

[PMID: 29519377]

Preoperative Evaluation of Geriatric Patients

[PMID: 28826805]

Preoperative Smoking Cessation

[PMID: 24671929]

Priorities in the Use of Critical Care Resources

[PMID: 30316913]

Septic Shock

[PMID: 28101605]

Surgical Outcomes and Quality Improvement

[PMID: 29064887]

Venous Thromboembolism Prophylaxis

**Wound Care**