Below you will find the topics and a selection of key accompanying references for the 2020 Surgical Critical Care 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.

**Diplomates are neither required nor expected to read all of these references before or during the completion of the assessment.**

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### Biostatistics


### Blood Component Therapy


### Blunt Cerebrovascular Injury


### Burn Resuscitation

Cardiac Arrest After Cardiac Surgery

[PMID: 28122680]

Cardiac Assist Devices

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Cardiogenic Shock

[PMID: 26304287]

[PMID: 27499982]

[PMID: 28923988]

Delirium

[PMID: 30113371]

End of Life Care

[PMID: 22618581]
Fungal and Viral Infections

[PMID: 25500709]

[PMID: 25006721]

Gastrointestinal Bleeding, Upper

[PMID: 29374489]

Hypovolemic Shock


Mesenteric Ischemia

[PMID: 28794797]

Neurogenic Shock

[PMID: 25621207]

Nosocomial Infections

[PMID: 29257353]

Nutritional Therapy

[PMID: 25315218]
**Oxygen and Other Gas Therapies**


**Pain Management and Sedation**


**Patient Safety and Systems of Care**


**Penetrating Neck Injury**


**Personal Protective Equipment in a Pandemic**


**Pneumonia, Ventilator-Associated (Hospital-Acquired)**

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**Post-Cardiac Surgery, Early Management**


**Priorities in the Use of Critical Care Resources**


**Pulmonary Edema**


**Pulmonary Embolism**


**Respiratory Failure, Acute**


**Respiratory Monitoring (Pressures and Compliance Resistance)**

Renal Failure


Septic Shock


Serum Osmolarity and Electrolytes


Traumatic Brain Injury – Intracranial Pressure Monitoring


Vasopressor and Vasodilator