Below you will find the topics and a selection of key references for the Abdomen Module of the 2021 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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**Appendicitis**

  [PMID: 32676725]

**Cholecystitis**

  [PMID: 33153472]

  [PMID: 28593410]

  [PMID: 26521077]

  [PMID: 25005650]

**Focused Assessment with Sonography for Trauma (F.A.S.T.)**

  [PMID: 7473914]
Gastric Bypass, Postoperative Complications

[PMID: 31378635]

Hernias, including Inguinal and Femoral

[PMID: 29330835]
[PMID: 29330835]

Hernias, Ventral

[PMID: 30138269]
[PMID: 24035078]

Neoplasms, Benign

[PMID: 22541698]

Pancreatic Neoplasms

[PMID: 27706803]
[PMID: 21775920]

Retroperitoneal Masses


Splenic Injury


Suspected Choledocholithiasis


Transversus Abdominis Plane Block