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Anorectal Emergencies


Brain Death


Colon Injury


Colonoscopy

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Ductal Carcinoma In Situ of the Breast
Hyperthyroidism


Necrotizing Soft Tissue Infections


Obstruction - Large Intestinal


Pancreatitis – Necrotizing

**Paralytic Ileus**


**Peritoneal Dialysis Catheter Insertion**


**Pneumatosis**


**Resuscitation**

Rib and Sternal Fractures


Septic Shock


Surgical Considerations of the Pregnant Patient


Thyroid Nodule


Ulcerative Colitis - Operative Management


Vena Cava Filter - Insertion

### Ventral Hernia - Repair