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Anticoagulant Reversal


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Perioperative Management of the Patient on Corticosteroids


Perioperative Management of the Therapeutically Anticoagulated Patient


Respecting Cultural Diversity and Individual Sensitivities


Robotic Surgery - Principles


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**Thromboelastography-guided Resuscitation**
