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Amniotic membrane for treating skin graft donor sites: A systematic review and meta-analysis.
[This systematic review and meta-analysis indicate that it is effective and safe to use AM for treating STSGDS.]
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An investigation of the relationships between postoperative pain trajectories and outcomes after surgery for colorectal cancer.
[Although animal studies have shown that pain can suppress host immunity and promote tumor metastasis, few clinical studies have evaluated the association between acute pain and long-term outcomes after cancer surgery.]

Bilateral single-injection erector spinae plane block versus intrathecal morphine for postoperative analgesia in living donor laparoscopic hepatectomy: a randomized non-inferiority trial.
[Bilateral single-injection ESP blocks resulted in higher resting pain scores 24 hours postoperatively compared with ITM and thus did not meet the study definition of non-inferiority. However, the pain intensity with ESP blocks was mild (mean pain scores
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Journal of the American Medical Informatics Association 2019;;10.1101/637967..
[These findings strongly suggest that the introduction of a network-wide digital sepsis alert is associated with improvements in patient outcomes, demonstrating that digital based interventions can be successfully introduced and readily evaluated.]
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Preoperative Diaphragm Function Is Associated With Postoperative Pulmonary Complications After Cardiac Surgery.
[Postoperative pulmonary complications increase mortality, length, and cost of hospitalization. A better diaphragmatic strength may help face an increased work of breathing postoperatively. We, therefore, sought to determine if a low preoperative diaphragm thickening fraction (TFdi) determined by ultrasonography helped predict the occurrence of postoperative pulmonary
complications after cardiac surgery independently of indicators of frailty, sarcopenia, and pulmonary function.]

**Guidelines**

*The following new guidance has recently been published:*

**Clinical guidance for the appropriate and safe exceptional use of superabsorbent polymer gel granules for the containment of bodily waste.**
NHS Improvement; 2019.  
[This guidance must be read in conjunction with an upcoming National Patient Safety Alert which will recommend these items should either be removed from patient use altogether or restricted to exceptional use only.]

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**Reports**

*The following report(s) may be of interest:*

**Developing an education pathway for newly registered practitioners.**
NHS Improvement; 2019.  
https://improvement.nhs.uk/resources/developing-education-pathway-newly-registered-practitioners/  
[Case study. Great Ormond Street Hospital utilised evidence that if organisations can retain staff beyond their two years in the job, they are more likely to retain them for more than five years.]

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