

2010 Reading List

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Selections from Abdominal and Gastrointestinal Disorders and Other Components of the Practice of Emergency Medicine

Category 2. Abdominal and Gastrointestinal Disorders

Bundy DG, Byerley JS, et al. Does this child have appendicitis? *JAMA*. July 2007;298(4):438-451.

Jacobs DO. Diverticulitis. *N Engl J Med*. Nov 2007;357(20):2057-2066.

Ranji SR, Goldman LE, et al. Do opiates affect the clinical evaluation of patients with acute abdominal pain? *JAMA*. Oct 2006;296(14):1764-1774.

Thomsen TW, Shaffer RW, et al. Paracentesis. *N Engl J Med*. Nov 2006; 355(19). (Test questions will only be written from the article, but ABEM also encourages diplomates to

watch the video.) *The content of this reading also relates to Category 19, Procedures and Skills Integral to the Practice of Emergency Medicine.*

Category 20. Other Components of the Practice of Emergency Medicine

Appelbaum PS. Assessment of patients' competence to consent to treatment. *N Engl J Med.* Nov 2007;357(18):1834-1840.

Edwards ED, Jacob BP, et al. Presentation and management of common post-weight loss surgery problems in the emergency department. *Ann Emerg Med.* Feb 2006;47(2):160-166.

Gallagher TH, Studdert D, Levinson W. Disclosing harmful medical errors to patients. *N Engl J Med.* June 2007;356(26):2713-2719.

Karounis H, Gouin S, et al. A randomized, controlled trial comparing long-term cosmetic outcomes of traumatic pediatric lacerations repaired with absorbable plain gut versus nonabsorbable nylon sutures. *Acad Emerg Med.* July 2004;11(7):730-735.

Selections from the Remainder of the Listing of Conditions and Components

The Model of the Clinical Practice of Emergency Medicine

Category 10. Systemic Infectious Disorders

Venkat A, Piontkowsky DM, et al. Care of the HIV-positive patient in the emergency department in the era of highly active antiretroviral therapy. *Ann Emerg Med.* Sept 2008;52(3):274-285.

Sprung CL, Annane D, et al. Hydrocortisone therapy for patients with septic shock. *N Engl J Med.* Jan 2008;358(2):111-124.

Category 12. Nervous System Disorders

Cucchiara B, Ross M. Transient ischemic attack: risk stratification and treatment. *Ann Emerg Med.* Aug 2008;52(2):S27-S39.

Category 17. Toxicologic Disorders

Heard KJ. Acetylcysteine for acetaminophen poisoning. *N Engl J Med.* July 2008;359(3):285-292.

Category 18. Traumatic Disorders

Ropper AH, Gorson KC. Concussion. *N Engl J Med.* Jan 2007;356(2):166-172.

Singer AJ, Dagum AB. Current Management of Acute Cutaneous Wounds. *N Engl J Med.* Sept 2008;359(10):1037-1046. *(Test questions will only be written from the article, but ABEM also encourages diplomates to watch the video.)*