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Literary Review

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Title	Publication	Date	Overview
Blood test for bowel cancer may improve screening take-up	<i>Gastrointestinal Nursing</i> Volume 10 Number 9 Page 12	Nov 2012	Australian researchers are hoping to revolutionise bowel screening by developing a blood test for colorectal cancer. A blood test may improve compliance in patients who are reluctant to engage in faecal occult blood testing.
Body mass index as an independent predictor of postoperative complications following colorectal surgery	<i>Gastrointestinal Nursing</i> Volume 10 Number 9 Page 16-21	Nov 2012	Penny Fitzgerald describes a quantitative study to investigate whether or not a high body mass index (BMI) can be used to predict the risk of postoperative complications following colorectal surgery. The study suggested that while a high BMI is associated with more complications, colorectal surgery is safe, regardless of BMI.
Follow-up care of stoma patients: a systematic literature review	<i>Gastrointestinal Nursing</i> Volume 10 Number 9 Page 30-36	Nov 2012	Toni Johnson describes a systematic review of the literature relating to the provision of follow-up care for stoma patients. Significant improvement in patients' quality of life was associated with more structured and intensive stoma care follow-up.
Holistic needs assessment following colorectal cancer treatment	<i>Gastrointestinal Nursing</i> Volume 10 Number 9 Page 42-9	Nov 2012	Undertaking an effective holistic needs assessment (HNA) is one way to ensure that patients' needs are fully identified following colorectal cancer treatment. Claire Taylor, Roni Cummings and Claire McGilly discuss how one service set out to achieve this, and present some early patient feedback to indicate the merits of doing so.
Painful dressing changes for chronic wounds: assessment and management	<i>BJN</i> Volume 21 Number 20 Pages 20-25	8th Nov 2012	This article reviews literature on the impact of pain at dressing change, and provides practical suggestions for assessment and management of pain during wound care. Dressing selection should form a significant part of individual pain management plans, including regular review and reassessment.
Understanding the main principles of skin care in older adults	<i>Nursing standard</i> Volume 27 Number 11 Pages 59-68	14th Nov 2012	Ageing processes reduce the effectiveness of the skin barrier and increase the vulnerability of the skin to breakdown. Nurses are ideally placed to assess older people's skin holistically, and the adoption of skincare protocols comprising cleansing, protection, hydrating and replenishing can have a significant effect on patient outcomes

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