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## Literary Review

July 2013

Title	Publication	Date	Overview
In brief...	Gastrointestinal Nursing, Vol 11, No. 6, page 9	July/ August	<p>Three articles highlighting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A head-to-head trial of Erbitux (used together with Folfiri chemotherapy) prolonged the survival of metastatic bowel cancer patients by four months vs. Avastin.</li> <li>• The Department of Health's new database which will deliver real-time cancer data and also include 11 million historical cancer records.</li> <li>• The referral rate variations for upper gastrointestinal endoscopies across England with variations of up to 250%. Lower referral rates were linked to higher emergency admissions, lower rates of potentially curative surgery and poorer one year survival rates.</li> </ul>
Inflammatory bowel disease in older people	Gastrointestinal Nursing, Vol 11, No. 6, pages 31-35	July/ August	Article which provides an overview of IBD in older people and examines the impact of ageing on the gastrointestinal tract
Sexual health following stoma surgery	Gastrointestinal Nursing, Vol 11, No. 6, pages 38-42	July/ August	Article highlighting the problems and concerns linked to sexual health and wellbeing following stoma surgery. It also discusses how the provision of a comprehensive assessment should focus on the practical, emotional and sexual impact of surgery.
Survival rates after bowel surgery reach their highest ever level, audit shows	BMJ, Vol 347, No. 7915, page 2	6 July	Findings from the national bowel cancer audit now show that four in five patients who have major surgery for bowel cancer survive at least two years. Survival in patients who did not have surgery was much poorer with only two in five surviving two years.

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